

## Invitation to the DGPPN Congress 2013 – November 27-30, ICC Berlin Call for Abstracts

Berlin, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2013Dear Presidents and Chairs of the National Psychiatric Associations,  
Dear Colleagues,

We cordially invite you and your colleagues to participate in the annual congress of the German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN), which will take place in Berlin from November 27<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

This year marks the inauguration of a **comprehensive English program track** that will run throughout the whole congress and cover all relevant therapeutic areas and formats. A structured English-language curriculum will be presented by selected national and international experts and meet the high demands of an educational and continuing training programme.

We would like to invite and encourage you to submit thematic symposia by April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. **We are delighted to inform you that the congress fee will be waived for all speakers and chairs of accepted English-language symposia.**

The DGPPN Congress is one of the annual highlights for scientists, doctors and therapists. Each year more than 9000 participants and 1600 speakers meet at the end of November in Berlin, making the congress Europe's largest scientific meeting in the field of mental disorders.

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This year the DGPPN is emphasising a highly topical theme, “**From Therapy to Prevention**”. In the medical field, the emphasis is shifting towards prevention: the gain in healthy years is a result mainly of early detection of or intervention in diseases and of a reduction in illness risk through lifestyle changes. This is also true for mental disorders. Promising developments in prevention can be seen in alcohol disorders and dementia, for example. Outpatient psychiatry and psychotherapy is thereby increasingly developing into a place for efficient preventative intervention. International experts will also address neurobiological principles of prevention. Additional key topics of our upcoming congress will be “The social brain”, “Alternative care models – international perspectives” and “Predictive medicine”.

As in previous years, the convention will be held at the International Congress Centrum (ICC) in Berlin. Please visit our congress website, [www.psychiatry-congress-berlin.org](http://www.psychiatry-congress-berlin.org), for more information, to register and to submit your abstract.

We would be grateful if you would forward this invitation to anyone whom you think might be interested.

We are looking forward to your active participation in the DGPPN Congress 2013. Please feel free to contact our congress coordinator, Julie Holzhausen ([j.holzhausen@dgppn.de](mailto:j.holzhausen@dgppn.de)), Tel. +49-30-240477218, if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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