



Foreword

2 Dear Colleagues,

3 It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 13th Congress of
4 the Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP) in Munich.
5 Munich has the honour of hosting the first AEP meeting to
6 ever take place in Germany. The theme of the Congress is:

7 "European Psychiatry: The interface 8 between biological and social factors"

9 The Scientific Committee has chosen issues related to
10 care of patients and their everyday life as the focus of the
11 scientific and educational programme. You are all aware of
12 the tremendous progress of neurobiological knowledge of
13 brain functioning, with main contributions coming from
14 such different fields as genetics and neuroimaging. On the
15 other hand, psychiatry has always been a discipline in close
16 contact with the social sciences, including sociology,
17 psychology, philosophy and anthropology. The main
18 challenge for psychiatry these days is to organize a fruitful
19 dialogue between these disciplines and to build an interface
20 for the exchange of ideas and details of the latest
21 discoveries. The Scientific and Organizing Committees
22 have attempted to construct a programme which we believe
23 truly represents the broad scientific field of contemporary
24 psychiatry. The diversity of the contributions ensures that

the programme contains stimulating sessions for virtually 25
everyone. The Plenary speakers are well-recognized 26
leaders in clinical psychiatry and basic research, whose 27
lectures will be memorable educational experiences. We 28
have organized Debates that are intended to be both 29
informative and entertaining, with the emphasis on 30
controversial issues of modern psychiatry. Experts in their 31
fields will be happy to discuss with you challenging topics 32
in the Meet the Expert Sessions. We also encourage you to 33
attend the Young Psychiatrists Sessions, which are among 34
the most innovative sessions of the meeting. 35

On behalf of the Scientific and the Organizing Committees, 36
we wish you a stimulating, educational and enjoyable meeting, 37
and hope that you will also find some time to attend the cultural 38
events of the Congress and to explore the beautiful city of 39
Munich. 40

We welcome you to the 13th AEP Congress! 41

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Chairman of the Organizing Committee 43

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Chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee 45

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President of AEP, Congress President 47