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7th European Conference on Symptom Validity Assessment (SVA)



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The **European Conference on Symptom Validity Assessment** centers around evaluating the credibility of presented clinical symptoms and problems and addressing malingering. Renowned researchers, clinicians, and test authors will present recent findings and discuss best practices and real-world applications.

This conference is organized for everyone with an interest in the latest research and state-of-the-art clinical practice of symptom and performance validity assessment. This meeting gives participants the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge, as well as to exchange on current issues related to symptom and performance validity assessment.

About the Conference



Thursday, October 10

8:00 – 9:30	Registration and coffee	
9:30 – 10:00	Opening	L. Giromini, A. Fuermaier
10:00 – 11:45	Symposium Attention and Validity Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Validity testing in children with ADHD- Performance validity testing of adults referred for clinical evaluation of adult ADHD- Validity of the Groningen Effort Test in patients with suspected chronic solvent-induced encephalopathy- Symptom and performance validity in ADHD – Is the imitation game harder if brainelectrical activity is concerned?	Chairs: A. Fuermaier, A. Plohmann C. Nicholls A. Fuermaier F. van Vliet B. Albrecht
11:45 – 12:30	Data blitz	Chair: V. Hall Selected speakers

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Thursday, October 10

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:15

Symposium
Validity Assessment: Detection, Feedback and Recommendations

Chairs: B. Dandachi-FitzGerald

- Feedback on SVT/ PVT failure

J. Roor

- Interviewing forensic patients on their biased responding

D. van Helvoort

- The Assessment of Hallucination Symptoms (AHS):
Introducing a new instrument for the detection of feigned hallucinations

M. Peters

- Eight recommendations for advancing the field (and a question)

**H. Merckelbach,
B. Dandachi-FitzGerald**

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee break

Scientific Program



Thursday, October 10

15:45 – 17:15

Symposium Culture and Validity Assessment

- Culture and biases in SVA
- Cross-cultural applicability of the MENT
- Cross-cultural applicability of IOP-29 and SIMS
- Trends of symptom and performance validity results across cultures and in immigrants

**Chairs: L. Giromini,
E. Puente Lopez**

A.Y. Emre Akca

K. Morel

E. Puente-Lopez

R. Brockhaus

17:15 – 18:45

WORKSHOP 1 The Morel Emotional Numbing Test: A groundbreaking performance validity tool for ensuring the accuracy of PTSD assessments

K. Morel

19:45

Conference dinner

Scientific Program

Friday, October 11

8:30 – 10:30

Symposium Validity Assessment and Biases: Concealment, Practitioners' Biases and other issues

- Detecting deception at single item level in questionnaires
- Symptom concealment and its association with defensive functioning
- Uncovering social desirability in responses
- Derivation of a novel PAI discriminant function for the detection of concealed psychopathology
- Does social desirability vary depending on the purpose of the assessment?
- Addressing bias in DSM criteria for malingering suspicion

**Chairs: I. Boskovic,
H. Merckelbach**

G. Melis

L. De Page

F. Bosco

J.E. Kurtz

C. Mazza

A.Y. Emre Akca

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

Scientific Program



Friday, October 11

11:00 – 12:30	Symposium Memory and Validity Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Verifiability approach & malingering- Identity deception in investigative interviews- Flashbulb memories (FBM) checklist and false autobiographical memories	<u>Chair:</u> A. Curci R.M. Ribatti G. Sartori F. Battista
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:15	Data blitz & Poster awards	<u>Chair:</u> V. Hall Selected speakers
14:15 – 15:15	Keynote	G. Young
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 – 16:45	SVA roundtable	<u>Chair:</u> T. Merten
16:45 – 17:15	Future & Closing	L. Giromini, A. Fuermaier

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Friday, October 11

17:15 – 18:45

WORKSHOP 2

Assessment of negative response distortion with the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)

J.E. Kurtz

18:45 – 19:30

Ripsi farewell drink



Saturday, October 12

8:45 – 10:15

WORKSHOP 3

Multivariate models of performance and symptom validity tests: Conceptual and practical considerations

L. Erdodi

10:15 – 11:45

WORKSHOP 4

Assessing symptom and performance validity with the Inventory of Problems – 29 (IOP-29) and its memory module (IOP-M)

L. Giromini

11:45 – 13:15

WORKSHOP 5

The Self-Report Symptom Inventory (SRSI): Five years after its publication

T. Merten

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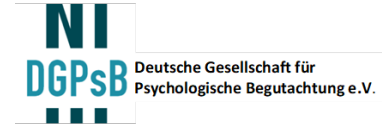
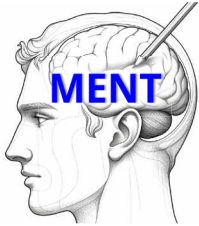
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