

Program 8th European Conference on Symptom Validity Assessment October 08-10, 2026, Málaga, Spain

Thursday, October 08		
8:30 – 09:30	Registration and coffee	
09:30 – 10:00	Opening	Luciano Giromini & Anselm Fuermaier
10:00 – 11:30	Symposium I: Technology & Test Security	Anselm Fuermaier (chair)
	Technology and implications for test security in clinical and forensic practice	Anselm Fuermaier
	Self-administered online neuropsychological testing: Suitable alternative to traditional in-person assessment?	Janina Tessmann
	The differential effects of sophisticated AI coaching on symptom and performance validity	Iulia Crişan
	Managing test security in the digital age: A case for abstinence	Laszlo Erdodi
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:00	Keynote	Yossef Ben-Porath
14:00 – 14:30	Data blitz I	Jeroen Roor (chair)
		Selected speakers
14:30 – 17:20	Symposium II: Applying Malingering Frameworks and Multidimensional Evidence: Case Studies in Symptom Validity	Vicki Hall & Michael Chafetz (chairs)
14:30 – 15:30	Careful review of records: At the heart of validity analysis	Michael Chafetz
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
	From atypical test scores to non-credible presentation: A case study of multidimensional formulation	Vicki Hall
	Two cases of invalid performance in the memory clinic; multidimensional validity assessment and feedback strategies	Jeroen Roor
	When formal tests of performance and symptom validity are normal within the context of clear potential exaggeration	Steve Shindell
17:20 – 17:30	Comfort break	
17:30 – 18:30	Building the future of the SVA community: Conference sustainability, Psychological Injury and Law, and new ways to stay connected	Luciano Giromini

Friday, October 09

09:00 – 10:00	Spotlight discussion: Distorted symptom presentation and its consequences	Brechje Dandachi-FitzGerald
10:00 – 10:15	Comfort break	
10:15 – 12:15	Symposium III: Advances in the Assessment of Symptom and Performance Validity	Esteban Puente López (chair)
	Psychometric difficulties in detecting malingering in cases of complex post-traumatic stress disorder or developmental trauma	Elena Garrido Gaitan
	The evaluation of performance validity in women who are victims of intimate partner violence	Isabela Hidalgo & Miguel Pérez
	Systematic literature review on symptom validity testing in criminal forensic contexts	Emanuel Silva
	Response times in PVTs: A meta-analysis	Yoram Braw
	Testing the limits of validity indicators: Test coaching in negative and positive response bias assessment	Claudia Pignolo
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	Spotlight: How to defend against attacks on PVT and SVT data in forensic cases	Kyle Boone
14:30 – 15:00	Data blitz II	Jeroen Roor
		Selected speakers
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 17:30	Round table	Thomas Merten
17:30 – 18:30	Poster awards & drinks	

Saturday, October 10

09:00 – 9:45	Spotlight: Changes in validity test scores after COVID: Reflection of general distress or something else?	Allyson Harrison
9:45 – 10:15	Coffee break	
10:15 – 12:00	Symposium IV: Clinical Tests Meet Symptom Validity: A New Signal or Just an Echo?	Irena Bošković (chair)
	The evolution of embedded SVTs using U.S. veteran samples	Robert Shura
	New methods for symptom validity testing in whiplash associated disorders	Esteban Puente López
	Embedded performance (TAP-Alertness, Cognitrone, VVMT, FACE, CITY) and symptom validity (BDI-II, FAI) indicators in Austrian early retirement claimants - a comparison	Johann Lehrner
	Embedded validity indicators in the PCL-5 for detecting feigned intimate partner violence-related PTSD: Comparative and incremental validity evidence	Francesca Ales
	Call for discussion	Irena Bošković
12:00 – 12:30	Comfort break	
12:30 – 13:15	Spotlight: Distinction without a difference: Do SVTs differentiate symptom presentations?	Paul Ingram