

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

Thursday, October 08		
8:30 – 09:30	Registration and morning refreshments	
09:30 – 10:00	Opening	Luciano Giromini & Anselm Fuermaier
10:00 – 11:45	Symposium I: Technology & Test Security	Anselm Fuermaier (chair)
	Technology and implications for test security in clinical and forensic practice	Anselm Fuermaier
	Self-administered remote 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
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:00	Keynote: Symptom validity assessment with the MMPI: Lessons learned and future directions	Yossef Ben-Porath
14:00 – 14:40	Data blitz I	Jeroen Roor (chair)
	Evaluating continuous performance tests as embedded measures of performance validity in ADHD assessments: A systematic review and meta-analysis	Pinar Toptas
	Validation of the Groningen Effort Test (GET) on Italian samples in a simulation design	Federica Losavio
	The state of symptom validity assessment in North America: Trends in procedures and prevalence estimates	Taylor Matthew
14:40 – 17:30	Symposium II: Applying Malingering Frameworks and Multidimensional Evidence: Case Studies in Symptom Validity	Vicki Hall & Michael Chafetz (chairs)
14:40 – 15:40	Careful review of records: At the heart of validity analysis	Michael Chafetz
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee station	
	From atypical test scores to non-credible presentation: A case study of multidimensional formulation	Vicki Hall
16:10 – 17:30	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
17:30 – 17:45	Comfort break	
17:45 – 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

08:30 – 09:00	Morning refreshments	
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 Gaitán
	The evaluation of performance validity in women who are victims of intimate partner violence	Miguel Pérez García & Isabela Hidalgo Solarte
	Systematic literature review on symptom validity testing in criminal forensic contexts	Emanuel Silva
	The utility of response time in forced-choice recognition performance validity tests: A systematic review and 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 (chair)
	Long-term outcomes of symptom overreporting and cognitive underperformance in adult ADHD assessments	Emily Raasch
	Are feigning screens ‘fit to stand trial’?	Nishant Krishnan
	Use of the <i>Morel Emotional Numbing Test</i> (MENT) in the detection of feigned psychopathology	Sara Pasqualini
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee station	
15:30 – 17:30	Roundtable: Present and future of validity assessment in European countries	Thomas Merten
17:30 – 18:30	Poster awards & drinks	

Saturday, October 10

09:00 – 09:45	Spotlight: Changes in validity test scores after COVID: Reflection of general distress or something else?	Beth Pollock
09:45 – 10:00	Comfort break	
10:00 – 11:45	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-S8, VVMT, FACE) 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
11:45 – 12:00	Comfort break	
12:00 – 12:45	Spotlight: Distinction without a difference: Do SVTs differentiate symptom presentations?	Paul Ingram
12:45 – 13:45	Farewell reception	

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