

Newsletter SIPS conference on placebo studies



Final call for abstracts! **Abstract submission is closing tomorrow.**

Abstract submission is closing tomorrow. Submit your abstracts on
December 1 at the latest.

The SIPS meeting will have 30 world-leading experts on placebo as invited speakers:

Anne Harrington ◆ Yvonne Nestoriuc ◆ Gustavo Pacheco López ◆ Bret R. Rutherford ◆
Younbyoung Chae ◆ Charlotte Blease ◆ Cláudia Carvalho ◆ Paul Enck ◆ Marco Annoni ◆
Jeremy Howick ◆ Jens Gaab ◆ Lene Vase ◆ Regine Klinger ◆ Winfried Rief ◆
Bruce Wampold ◆ Karin Jensen ◆ Jan de Houwer ◆ Ben Colagiuri ◆ Luana Colloca ◆
Vitaly Napadow ◆ Amir Raz ◆ Karin Meissner ◆ Katja Weimer ◆ Irving Kirsch ◆ Alia Crum ◆
Andrew Geers ◆ Ulrike Bingel ◆ Sigrid Elsenbruch ◆ Lauren Atlas ◆ Tor Wager



In the spotlight: Prof. Christian Büchel (Keynote speaker)

'How expectations shape pain perception'

Expectation and experience can shape pain perception in a powerful way. However, the neurobiological mechanisms underlying these effects are still unknown. This talk will focus on potential mechanisms of how expectations can increase (nocebo hyperalgesia) or decrease (placebo hypoalgesia) pain perception. The focus will be on a conceptual framework which posits that pain

Biosketch

Christian Büchel is a full professor of Systems Neuroscience and Head of the Department of Systems Neuroscience at the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf. He graduated from Heidelberg University as MD. His scientific career continued as a Wellcome Research Fellow at the Wellcome Department of Imaging Neuroscience at UCL in London. From there he moved to Hamburg and headed a research group funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. He is the current director of the Neuroimaging Center NeuroImage Nord and holder of major research grants from the European Research Council, German Research Foundation (DFG), and German Ministry for Science and Volkswagen Foundation. His main scientific interests are the interplay of cognition, pain and emotion with an emphasis on emotional learning in health and disease. He is a member of the Hamburg Academy of Science. Christian Büchel has published more than 150 peer reviewed research articles and was awarded the Jung Award for

perception can be seen as the integration (in a Bayesian sense) of expectation (i.e. prior) and incoming data (i.e. stimulus). Importantly, this framework leads to testable hypotheses (e.g. the variance of the expectation should reduce the influence of expectation).

Medicine, the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz-Preis by the German Research Foundation, and the Wiley Young Investigator Award of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping for recognition of his work on effective connectivity in neuroimaging.



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