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2nd official SIPS conference
on placebo studies

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Leiden, the Netherlands

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We would like to invite you to submit your abstracts for oral presentations or posters for the 2nd **SIPS** conference on placebo studies.

Please [submit](#) your abstracts online. Abstract submission is now open until March 15, 2019.

Registration for the conference is now open as well, with special early bird fees until March 15. Please do not forget to register [online](#).



In the spotlight:

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD.

(Keynote speaker)

Mechanisms of observationally-induced pain modulation: from placebo effects to virtual reality

Abstract

The capacity to activate endogenous opioid and nonopioid systems in concomitance with the administration of an intervention represents a fascinating phenomenon that is capturing the attention of scientists from different disciplines. This Lecture focuses on the neurobiology of placebo effects and virtual reality with an emphasis on relevant discoveries, new insights and developments.

About Dr. Colloca

Luana leads an NIH-funded team at University of Maryland investigating the placebo/nocebo effect, how expectancy shapes pain response, social learning and pain. More recently, Colloca team has been working with virtual reality technology and clinical pain care to develop better management plans for acute post-operative pain.

Dr. Colloca received several prestigious awards including the Wall Patrick International Award for basic research on pain mechanisms by the International Association for Study of Pain (IASP).

Confirmed speakers at our conference

Keynote speakers

Luana Colloca, Irving Kirsch, Tor Wager, and Ionica Smeets.

Invited speakers

Lauren Atlas, Fabrizio Benedetti, Ulrike Bingel, Charlotte Blease, Christian Büchel, Ben Colagiuri, Alia Crum, Paul Enck, Jens Gaab, Andrew Geers, Jeremy Howick, Karin Jensen, Ted Kaptchuk, John Kelly, Regine Klinger, Karin Meissner, Winfried Rief, Manfred Schedlowski, Lene Vase, Jon-Kar Zubieta, Keith Petrie, Damien Finniss, and others!

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Accommodations

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We have secured rooms in three excellent hotels in Leiden in different price categories. All hotels are within walking distance of the conference venue, the historic city center, and Leiden Central Station. The recommended hotels offer a special conference rate.

More information about the accommodations and the conference rate can be found [here](#). We kindly advise you to book your hotel as early as possible, as Leiden is a popular tourist destination in the summer.



Join us for an evening at the beach!

We warmly invite you to join us for an exciting, yet relaxed, beach conference dinner at the beach! The conference dinner will be hosted on Monday the 8th of July and will be held at a beachclub in Wassenaar. Put your feet in the sand (or even the sea), enjoy a freshly made BBQ* and ice-cold drinks with the beats of a live DJ on the background!

Click [here](#) to read more about the conference dinner.

****the BBQ will include meat, fish, vegetarian options and can also cater for vegan, gluten-free etc. Please indicate your specific dietary preferences on the registration form.***



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