INS 2009 Mid-Year Meeting

Helsinki, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia

29 July – 1 August 2009

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Welcome to INS 2009

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Mid Year Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS) 29 July – 1 August 2009, to be held in Marina Congress Center in Helsinki, Finland (Wednesday to Friday) and in Tallinn, Estonia (Saturday).

The conference is organized by the Finnish Neuropsychological Society jointly with the Neuropsychological Societies in Sweden, Norway and Denmark, as well as the Neuropsychological Division in Estonia. The conference will follow the best traditions of Nordic collaboration but is now also welcoming colleagues from Baltic countries.

The scientific program will cover the current hot and all time favorite topics in neuropsychology. In addition to plenary sessions the program will include CE workshops, symposiums and free papers.

The social program will bring colleagues together in an informal atmosphere and we hope that all visitors take the opportunity to explore the attractions of Helsinki, the white maritime capital of Finland, as well as the old Hanseatic town of Tallinn, Estonia. Those willing to extend their stay can also enjoy more of Finland or travel onwards to Saint Petersburg, Russia, or Stockholm, Sweden, both within easy reach from Helsinki.

We look forward to seeing you in Helsinki in July 2009!

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Program outline

**Wednesday, 29 July 2009**
- CE Workshops
- Opening and plenary session
- Welcome reception

**Thursday, 30 July 2009**
- Plenary and parallel sessions
- Poster sessions
- Conference dinner

**Friday, 31 July 2009**
- Plenary and parallel sessions
- Poster sessions
- Evening at leisure

**Saturday, 1 August 2009**
- Transfer to Tallinn, Estonia in the morning
- Plenary and parallel sessions
- Short sightseeing tour in Tallinn
- Transfer back to Helsinki, Finland in the evening

Program highlights

This meeting will be exceptional because for the first time in INS history, part of the scientific program takes place in a Baltic country. From Helsinki, Finland the participants will embark on a return cruise across the Baltic Sea to enjoy the rich program as well as the rich culture of Estonia.

The conference keynote speakers will include:

- Presidential lecture by Michael Corballis
- Endel Tulving on episodic and semantic memory
- Riitta Hari on the brain basis of social interaction
- Isabelle Peretz on music perception and amusia
- Armin Schnider on memory and confabulation

CE workshops organized in collaboration with INS
Experience both sides of the Baltic Sea

Finland is a member of the European Union and one of the Nordic countries. Helsinki, often called the “Daughter of the Baltic”, is located within frequent direct flight connections from most European capitals as well as from many other locations worldwide. Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is 20 kilometers from the city center.

Helsinki is a pleasant city for visitors. It offers all necessary services for travellers within a compact area. All hotels used for conference are within walking distance or short tram ride away from the conference venue.

The meeting will continue in Tallinn, Estonia. It is one of the beautiful Baltic capitals with its medieval city centre. Travelling to Tallinn is very fast and easy especially with the fast catamarans, which take you from Helsinki to Tallinn in just 90 minutes. EU citizens can nowadays travel to Tallinn without a passport and most citizens from outside Europe without a visa.

The weather in July/August is pleasant. The daytime temperature is around 20°C (70°F). Rain showers may occur.

Meeting venues

Meeting venue in Helsinki
The modern and well-equipped Marina Congress Center is located in the harbor of Helsinki close to the market square and within short walking distance from the heart of the city. The main hotel, Scandic Grand Marina Hotel is immediately next to the Marina Congress Center.

Meeting venue in Tallinn
The meeting venue in Tallinn will be confirmed in the Final Announcement.

Important dates

- Final Announcement and Call for Abstracts
  October 2008
- Abstract submission deadline
  January 2009
- Early registration deadline
  April 2009

Meeting secretariat

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