



# International Conference on Innovative Research In Autism

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We are pleased to announce the second international conference on 'Innovative Research In Autism'.

IRIA aims to present emerging or rapidly evolving questions in the field of autism, under the direction of leading international experts.

This meeting will take place in Tours (one hour from Paris by TGV). It concerns all scientists and professionals in the field of mental health who are involved in research on cerebral development pathologies and particularly interested in autism.

**Do not miss the abstract submission (1st of February) and early registration (15th of March) deadlines !**

We look forward to meeting you in The Loire Valley !



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## Keynotes Themes and Speakers

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Early development                   | { P. RoCHAT<br>K. Pierce           |
| Brain maturation                    | { D. Van Essen<br>E. Courchesne    |
| Perception & Cognition              | { R. Knight<br>F. Happé            |
| Language                            | { N. Freidman<br>H. Tager-Flusberg |
| Motor processing & social behaviors | { B. Bioulac<br>G. Rizzolatti      |

## Symposia Themes and Speakers

Early diagnosis & intervention;  
Imaging of brain networks;  
Perception & Cognition;  
Language;  
Genetics & environmental factors;  
Social behavior & cognition;  
Psychopharmacology.

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| M. Belmonte    | S. Bölte      | T. Charman    |
| B. Chakrabarti | C. Chevallier | Mc Conachie   |
| T. Falk-Ytter  | N. Hadjikhani | S. Jacquemont |
| N. Katsos      | E. Lemonnier  | T. Loucas     |
| E. Milne       | L. Mottron    | D. Murphy     |
| K. Plaisted    | H. Royers     | G. Rouleau    |
| S. Schjølberg  | A. Senju      | A. Sirigu     |
| B. Tomblin     | R. Toro       | J. Vincent    |

## The organizing committee

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# IRIA 2012: Program

|   | <b>Wednesday, May 30</b>  | <b>Thursday, May 31</b>   |  | <b>Friday, June 1st</b>   |   |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| 09:00-10:30<br>Plenary Lectures         |   | Brain maturation and plasticity<br><br><b>D. Van Essen</b><br><b>E. Courchesne</b>                                |  | Language<br><br><b>N. Friedmann</b><br><b>H. Tager-Flusberg</b>                                 |   |   |
| 10:30-11:00                             |   | Coffee/tea break  |  | Coffee/tea break  |   |   |
| 11:00-12:30<br><br>Symposiums on Autism |   | <b>Symposium 2</b><br>Imaging of brain networks<br><br><b>M. Belmonte</b><br><b>D.J. Murphy</b><br><b>R. Toro</b> | <b>Oral presentations</b><br>Selected contributions  | <b>Symposium 4</b><br>Language<br><br><b>N. Katsos</b><br><b>T. Loucas</b><br><b>B. Tomblin</b> | <b>Symposium 5</b><br>Genetics and environmental factors<br><br><b>B. Chakrabarti</b><br><b>G. Rouleau</b><br><b>J. Vincent</b> |   |
| 12:30-13:30<br>13:30-14:00              | Registration<br>Opening ceremony  | Poster session 1<br>Lunch   |  | Poster session 2<br>Lunch   |   |   |
| 14:00-15:30<br>Plenary Lectures         | Early social and psychomotor development<br><br><b>P. Rochat</b><br><b>K. Pierce</b>  | Perception and cognition<br><br><b>R. Knight</b><br><b>F. Happé</b>   |  | Motor processing and social behavior<br><br><b>B. Bioulac</b><br><b>G. Rizzolatti</b>           |   |   |
| 15:30-16:00                             | Coffee/tea break  | Coffee/tea break  |  | Coffee/tea break  |   |   |
| 16:00-17:30<br><br>Symposiums on Autism | <b>Symposium 1</b><br>Enhancing the Scientific Study of Early Autism (COST ActionESSEA)<br><br><b>T. Charman; H. Royers</b><br>S. Bölte; H. Mc Conachie<br>S. Schjølberg; T. Falk-Ytter | <b>Oral presentations</b><br>Selected contributions   | <b>Symposium 3</b><br>Perception and cognition<br><br><b>E. Milne</b><br><b>L. Mottron</b><br><b>K. Plaisted</b> | <b>Oral presentations</b><br>Selected contributions   | <b>Symposium 6</b><br>Social behavior and cognition<br><br><b>C. Chevallier</b><br><b>N. Hadjikhani</b><br><b>A. Senju</b>      | <b>Symposium 7</b><br>Psychopharmacology<br><br><b>S. Jacquemont</b><br><b>E. Lemonnier</b><br><b>A. Sirigu</b> |
| 17:30-18:15                             | <b>C. Barthélémy</b>  |   | 20:00 Gala Dinner  |   |   |   |
| 19:00                                   | Welcome Reception : Hôtel de Ville  |   |  |   |   |   |