

The Second International Review of Bipolar Disorders ASIA PACIFIC 2009

25-27 September 2009

Le Meridien Conference Centre, Cochin, Kerala, India
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Draft Conference Programme - Overview

Friday 25 September 2009

Theme: Genetic Testing for Bipolar Disorders

17.00 Delegate registration opens

18.30 Opening Dinner Buffet and Debate

Debate: Identification of individuals with a propensity to develop BPD is now possible and should be widespread

For: Prof J. Kelsoe (US)
Against: Prof W. Mohandas (IN)

19.30 Canapés, Drinks and Dancing
Kerala Cuisine, Music and Dancing

Formal conference proceedings end

Saturday 26 September 2009

Theme: Diagnosis Outcomes and Treatment

09.00 Diagnostics and Temperament
Chair: H Akiskal (US)

<i>Paediatric Bipolar Disorder</i>	J Reddy (IN)
<i>Comorbidities / Dual Diagnosis</i>	G Perugi (IT)
<i>Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia</i>	R Tandon (US)

11.00 Coffee and Oral Poster Platforms

11.30 Pathological Issues
Chair: K Y Mak (C)

<i>Pathophysiology of Bipolar Disorder</i>	N Ferrier (UK)
<i>Neuroimaging in Bipolar Disorder</i>	G Malhi (AUS)
<i>Genetics of Bipolar Disorder</i>	S Jain (IN)
<i>Growth Factor Systems in Bipolar Psychoses</i>	S Sundran (IN)

13.30 Lunch and Posters

15.30 Clinical Outcomes
Chair: R D'Souza (AUS)

<i>The Bipolar Clinics - Indian Experience</i>	M S Reddy (IN)
<i>The Step BD Approach</i>	G Sachs (US)
<i>Cultural Aspects of Clinical Outcomes</i>	A Awasthi (IN)

17.30 Treatment Options
Chair: N Ferrier (UK)

<i>Pharmacological Treatments</i>	M Tohen (US)
<i>Using Agents in combination</i>	A Ravindran (CAN)
<i>ECT in Bipolar Disorder</i>	B N Gangadhar (IN)
<i>Psychosocial Issues and Development</i>	E Michalak (CA)

18.30 Evening Debate: A universal panacea can never exist

20.30 Formal Conference Dinner

Formal conference proceedings end

Sunday 27 September 2009

Theme: Culture, Religion and Spirituality

09.00 The Enigma of Brain Drain
Chair: M P Deva (MAL)

<i>How to Survive Even with Brain Drain</i>	W Mohandas (IN)
<i>Minimizing the Impact of Drain on Psychiatrists</i>	A Javed (UK)
<i>Brain Drain and its Implications for Developing Countries: Innovations and Renewed Insights for Capacity Building of Mental Care</i>	R D'Souza (AUS)
<i>Fiddling while Mental Health in Low Income Countries Declines</i>	M P Deva (MAL)

11.00 Coffee and Oral Poster Platforms

11.30 Spirituality, Wellbeing and Mental Health

Chair: R D'Souza (AUS)

<i>Idiom of Distress</i>	TBC
<i>Fostering spiritual values and Wellbeing in Clinical Practice</i>	Prof R. D'Souza (AUS)
<i>Towards a Secular Spirituality</i>	TBC
<i>Keeping Religion Safe for Women</i>	N Stotland (US)

13.30 Lunch and Posters

14.30 Closing plenary lecture
Speaker: G Sachs (US)

15.00 Conference close

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