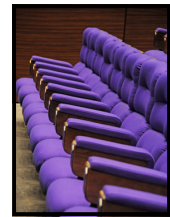


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## Associated Societies Scheme



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*Any excess conference funds generated are donated to medical charities and are used to support travel and accommodation bursaries for under-privileged individuals to attend the conference.*

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## Introducing the European Bipolar Forum



The European Bipolar Forum (EBF) is an open forum for debate and discussion on all topics relating to Bipolarity and Bipolar Disorders. We welcome all individuals to join and comment. Although the EBF is based in Europe it is FREE to join and as such is not limited to geographical divides. Please feel free to join in no matter where you are from. The EBF offers a chance to access expert opinion, join in with peers with a common interest; and keep up to date on current thinking on treatments and management strategies. It also offers the opportunity to contribute to clinical research in simple, but effective ways. Visit the [Membership](#) page on the IRBD website ([www.irbd.org](http://www.irbd.org)) to join.

## The Annual meeting

The International Review of Bipolar Disorders

The International Review of Bipolar Disorders ([www.irbd.org](http://www.irbd.org)), is an opportunity for European Psychiatrists to meet face to face on an annual basis, and provides the perfect extension of the activity of the European Bipolar Forum. IRBD is now the largest conference in Bipolar Disorders. The 2011 event saw the attendance of 60 leading speakers and 1500 delegates from 46 countries.

IRBD has an extensive and esteemed group of advisors who help to steer the conference and ensure that the content is topical, accurate and timely.

Programme leadership comes from Dr Elie Hantouche, Conference Chair and Prof. Jean-Michel Azorin, Conference President. In addition, the 2012 conference has a local organising committee comprising Prof. JF Allilaire (Paris), Prof. D Pringuey (Nice) and Dr PH Robert (Nice)

## Dr Elie Hantouche (FR)

**IRBD Conference Chair**  
Director of CTAH, Anxiety and Mood Center, France.



Dr Hantouche is considered a top expert for bipolar disorders and OCD. He is also involved as the scientific advisor of AFTOC (the French Association of Patients with OCD), ARGOS (bipolar patients) and BICYCLE (parents of bipolar children). Currently, Dr Hantouche is the director of CTAH, Anxiety and Mood Center (since 2006). He has published more than 200 papers (66 cited in Pubmed\*) and is the author of 10 books on OCD, Cyclothymia, Bipolar OCD, Juvenile bipolarity, Creativity, Psychoeducation for Cyclothymia, Trilogy of fears and phobias. In April 2005, he chaired the 5<sup>th</sup> International Experts Meeting for Bipolar Disorders and launched the European Bipolar Forum - He is a reviewer for many international journals.

## Prof Jules Angst (CH)

**EBF President**

Jules Angst is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Zurich and Honorary Doctor of the University of Heidelberg. From 1996 to 1998 he was President of the Association of European Psychiatrists.



Prof Angst graduated in medicine in Zurich in 1952 and from 1969 to 1994 was Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Zurich University and Director of the Research Department at the Psychiatric Hospital of the University (Burgholzli).

His scientific contributions include 15 books (as author and/or editor), more than 150 book chapters, and over 500 journal articles. Prof Angst has received many awards in recognition of his work.



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## IRBD Advisors

Prof H Akiskal (US)	Dr A Andreatza (CA)
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Dr E Weller (US)	Prof H Grunze (UK)

## The Programme

IRBD is committed to building on its reputation as an expert review meeting. The programme will be multi-tracked incorporating expert reviews, oral sessions and ground breaking research. Abstracts will be published in the Journal of International Clinical PsychoPharmacology.

The bipolar spectrum will be covered in detail with subjects including but not restricted to:

Culture and epidemiology—Physical/Somatic illness—Suicidality—Co-morbidity—  
 Neuroendocrinology—Temperament and Cyclothymia—Genes and neurotransmitters—Clinical management—Adolescents and children—  
 Differential and Dual diagnosis—  
 Pharmaceutical treatment options

You can keep track of programme developments at **www.irbd.org**

## Location

IRBD 2012 takes place at the Nice Acropolis Hotel and Conference Centre in Nice, South of France. The venue is a dedicated conference centre reflecting IRBD's commitment to delivering information in the most dynamic and interactive ways possible.



**Full accreditation will be provided to all attendees of IRBD 2012 by the UK Royal College of Physicians. Typically, the conference achieves 15-20 CME points.**

### Organizing Secretariat: Cortex Congress



IRBD is managed by Cortex Congress Limited. Cortex only runs organizations, societies and conferences in Neuroscience, Neurology and Psychiatry. Established in 2000, Cortex runs the following psychiatry organizations and their conferences:

- Winter Workshop Fund ([www.wvpsych.org](http://www.wvpsych.org))
- European Bipolar Forum ([www.eubf.org](http://www.eubf.org))

Plus the following Neuroscience/Neurology organisations and conferences:

- World Congress in Neurotechnology ([www.wcneurotech.org](http://www.wcneurotech.org))
- Global Addiction Conference ([www.globabladdiction.org](http://www.globabladdiction.org))

Working with recognised leaders in Neuroscience, Neurology, Psychiatry and Neuro-Oncology Cortex facilitates programmes for more than 4,000 delegates per year from around the world and has successfully developed partnerships with many other societies and commercial organizations.

At Cortex we believe in industry and science working together to achieve common goals and patient well-being.

## Welcoming Associated Societies and Organisations

A key objective of the EBF and of IRBD is to facilitate co-operation and the exchange of information between those operating within the field of bipolar disorders. With that in mind we actively welcome all groups and organisations to associate with us and help to create an efficient network of information exchange on an international basis.

## Free Benefits of Associated Society Status

### What can we do for you?

- To hold an annual meeting or Council/ Executive Board meeting at IRBD 2012 in Nice (room provided for 2 hours for up to 30 delegates) FREE of charge
- 25% discount on delegate fees for members
- Two FREE places at the conference (accommodation and travel costs not included)
- To steer or create a workshop or session for up to 2 hours - subject to abstract submission receiving approval from the International Scientific Advisory Committee
- Advertise for membership of your organisation via the IRBD 2012 email campaign and via dedicated space on the website www.irbd.org
- Opportunity to erect a small stand at the event to communicate your activities and recruit members
- Opportunity to cross fertilise ideas with other organisations in attendance and network throughout the year via IRBD website activities

## Easy ways to introduce IRBD and the European Bipolar Forum to your members

### What can you do for us?

- List the IRBD conference on your website—the upcoming conferences page for instance
- Promote the conference using your association newsletter
- Email broadcast details of the conference either exclusively or as part of one of your scheduled broadcasts to your membership
- Offer an advertisement in a newsletter or society magazine
- Promote the discounted rates that you secure as an associated member

**We can discuss with you the most appropriate ways for your association and IRBD to work together.**

## How to register your interest

If you think your organisation or society can work with us in communicating the developments in bipolar research to an increasingly expanding audience you can contact us:

- Go to **www.irbd.org**, click on the Conference tab and then the **associated societies** tab. Fill in the form there and submit it directly to us.
- Contact Jane Wicks at [jw@cortexcongress.com](mailto:jw@cortexcongress.com) or Michele Colt at [mc@cortexcongress.com](mailto:mc@cortexcongress.com) who will co-ordinate your involvement

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