INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AUTISM RESEARCH PRESENTS
THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR AUTISM RESEARCH (IMFAR)
PRESS CONFERENCE AND MEETING

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REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2013 6 pm CET
THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR AUTISM RESEARCH (IMFAR)
Keynotes, Oral Presentations and Posters Thursday May 2 – Saturday May 4, 2013
Kursaal Convention Center, Donostia/San Sebastian, Spain

Brings Together Scientists From Around the World to Discuss the
Latest Findings on the Diagnosis, Causes and Treatments of Autism Spectrum Disorder

The 12th Annual International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR), the world’s largest
scientific gathering on autism research, will meet Thursday, May 2 through Saturday,
May 4 at the Kursaal Convention Center, Donostia/San Sebastian, Spain. A press
conference will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 6 pm CET / 12 pm ET / 9 am PT in
Room 10A, on the first floor of the Kursaal Congress Centre, focusing on notable
research at IMFAR. Reporters may observe the press conference remotely via Webinar
by registering at https://vts.inxpo.com/Launch/QReg.htm?ShowKey=13583.

The press conference on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 pm CET/ 12 noon ET/ 9 am PT, which
may be viewed via webinar, will feature studies including “Whole-Exome and CNV Data for
ASD Sex Bias,” Matthew State, M.D. Ph.D., Yale University School of Medicine; “The Use of
Humanoid Robots As Co-Therapists in ABA Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum
Disorder,” presented by “Kelly the Robot” and Joshua Diehl, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame;
“Neural Mechanisms of Improvements in Social Motivation After Pivotal Response
Treatment: A Case Series,” Kevin Pelphrey, Ph.D., Child Study Center, Yale University;
“College Students’ Attitudes Toward Peers with High Functioning Autism,” Wendy
Goldberg, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine; “Sex Differences in Dynamic Visual
Scanning Patterns in School-Age Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” Ami Klin,
Ph.D., Marcus Autism Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta & Emory University School of
Medicine; “Randomized, Controlled, Phase 2 Trial of STX209 for Social Function in ASD,”
Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, M.D., Vanderbilt University; and “Adaptive Intervention For
Communication In Minimally Verbal School Aged Children,” Connie Kasari, Ph.D.,
University of California, Los Angeles.

Conference Keynote speakers include Christopher Gillberg, M.D., Ph.D., professor of Child and
Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Gothenburg, whose talk “How Severe is Autism –
Really?” will focus on the effect of co-existing conditions typically present in individuals with ASD on outcomes and the need for interventions; Daniel H. Geschwind, M.D., Ph.D., professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles will speak on “Advances in Autism: Genetics Filling the Empty Fortress;” and Maureen Durkin, Ph.D., Dr.P.H., Professor of Population Health Sciences and Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison will speak on “The Epidemiology of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Toward a More Inclusive World.”

WHAT: International Meeting for Autism Research bringing together more than 1500 researchers and practitioners from 40 countries

WHERE: Kursaal Convention Center
Donostia / San Sebastian, Spain
Press Conference Kursaal Congress Centre, First Floor, Room 10A

WHEN: Press Conference: Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 6 pm CET / 12 pm ET / 9 am PT
Keynote, Scientific Oral Presentations and Poster Sessions
Thursday May 2 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday May 3 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday May 4 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

REGISTRATION and NOTES
• Register for the Press Conference: https://vts.inxpo.com/Launch/QReg.htm?ShowKey=13583
• IMFAR Media Registration: http://www.autism-insar.org/media-registration
• Meeting highlights are embargoed until 6 pm CET/ 12 pm ET / 9 am PT Wednesday, May 1, 2013
• Visit http://www.autism-insar.org/imfar-annual-meeting/imfar-2013 for IMFAR meeting updates
• Media contacts will arrange requested telephone interviews prior to the IMFAR meeting and in-person interviews during the conference with space for one-on-one interviews provided, if desired.
• All abstracts will be posted on the IMFAR website and registered press will receive embargoed abstracts and press releases in advance of the press conference