



# International Conference on Innovative Research In Autism

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Tours, Loire Valley, France



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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.

**Early registration (25th of March) deadlines !**

We look forward to meeting you in The Loire Valley !



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## Keynotes Themes and Speakers

### Early development

P. Rochat  
K. Pierce

### Brain maturation

D. Van Essen  
E. Courchesne

### Perception & Cognition

R. Knight  
F. Happé

### Language

N. Friedman  
H. Tager-Flusberg

### Motor processing & social behaviors

B. Bioulac  
G. Rizzolatti

## Symposia Themes and Speakers

### Enhancing the Scientific Study of Early Autism COST;

Imaging of brain networks;

Perception & Cognition;

Language;

### Genetics & environmental factors;

Social behavior & cognition;

Therapeutics.

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