

First Announcement



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2007

12th International Congress on Twin Studies
Ghent, Belgium

June 7 - June 10, 2007



Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

Please find this invitation to the 12th International Congress on Twin Studies 2007 to come to the historical city of Ghent in 2007. We are convinced that you will find all the requirements for the next successful edition of the congress in our city.

Belgium, situated in the heart of Europe, with perfect connections from all the other European countries is the perfect congress Venue. In Ghent itself, we propose to use the Conference venue of the University of Ghent :

Het Pand, an old monastery dating from the 13th century.

Ghent, Flanders and Belgium, with the art cities : Antwerp - Brugge - Ghent and Brussel are ideally situated to be part of an exciting social programme and partner programme during the congress. As you will be able to see, Ghent - Belgium is the diamond for your organisation to discover

Hoping to be able to welcome you in Ghent in 2007,
we remain.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Derom
Vice President

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Preliminary Scientific Program

Preliminary Programme

Inaugural address by president

The programme will include sessions on :

- Mirror imaging
- Epigenetics & gene expression
- Twin-to-twin-transfusion syndrome
- Language development: normal and abnormal
- Fetal programming & implication of intrauterine growth for future health and development
- Controversies on obstetrical issues
- Clinical and medical conditions during pregnancy, infancy and childhood
- Risks of artificial reproduction technology
- Mental health, substance use and abuse in adolescence
- Ethical issues
- Cardiovascular risk factors, coronary heart disease and stroke
- School, puberty, personality and intraindividual relationships in adolescence

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Preliminary Scientific Program

- Statistical issues, with an emphasis on longitudinal change and survival
- Epidemiology and genetics of twinning and higher order multiples
- Complex diseases (cancer and old-age onset diseases)
- Mental health, substance use and abuse in adult and old age
- Normal aging (mental and physical) and longevity
- Twins registers and methodology

Abstracts are welcomed on these aspect, as well as any other area related to twins and twin studies. Suggestions for sessions are welcomed, and should include possibilities for abstract submission and presentation. The programme committee will be responsible for the final programme.

Pre-congress Symposium

There will be a pre-congress symposium arranged by

- Isaac Blickstein and the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- The East-Flanders Prospective Twin Survey

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Social Program



Welcome to Ghent – the historical city of the treaty ending the war of 1812 between Great Britain and the USA, the rich medieval architecture and the housing of THE masterpiece of medieval Flemish painting : “*The adoration of the Lamb*” of the Van Eyck brothers.



The congress will include a scientific program of symposia, workshops, oral and poster presentations as well as sessions for twins, parents of multiples and organisations. All this will be kept in balance by a complex, Social Program that will include:

- Reception at the Congress Hall, “Het Pand”, the evening before opening of the congress, on the occasion of the 43th anniversary of the East - Flanders Prospective Twin Survey
- Reception at the City Hall
- Dinner in historic venue of Ghent





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