Making sense of mental illness: biology, medicine and society
4-5 November 2011, EMBL Heidelberg, Germany

Programme

Friday, 4th November

08:10-08:50  Registration

08:50-09:00  Welcome address
Iain Mattaj, Director General, EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany

09:00-10:00  Keynote talk
What is mental health today - psychiatry, neuroscience and society in the twenty first century
Nikolas Rose, London School of Economics, UK

10:00-10:30  Coffee break, ATC foyer

Session I: Impact and definition of mental illness
Chair: Cornelius Gross, EMBL, Monterotondo, Italy

10:30-11:15  Size, burden and costs of mental disorders
Hans-Ulrich Wittchen, Technical University, Dresden, Germany

11:15-12:00  On the road to DSM-5: redefining mental illness
David J. Kupfer, University of Pittsburgh, USA

12:00-12:45  Living with bipolar disorder
Donna Franceschild, Making Waves Films & TV Ltd, UK

12:45-14:15  Lunch, ATC foyer

Session II: The biology of mental illness
Chair: Dusan Bartsch, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim, Germany

14:15-15:00  Baptists, tauists and the new secularism in Alzheimer's disease research
Simon Lovestone, King's College London, UK

15:00-15:45  Schizophrenia – from maps to mechanisms to treatments
Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim, Germany

15:45-16:30  Attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorder: more than a cultural construct?
Klaus-Peter Lesch, University of Würzburg, Germany and Maastricht University, NL

16:30-17:00  Coffee break, ATC foyer

17:00-18:30  Panel discussion
Hans-Ulrich Wittchen
David J. Kupfer
Donna Franceschild
Simon Lovestone
Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg
Klaus-Peter Lesch

18:30-20:00  Conference dinner, EMBL canteen

20:00-20:45  Special Evening Lecture
Decoding consciousness
Geraint Rees, University College London, UK

Saturday, 5th November
Session III:  Pills, sofas and surgery – ways of treatment

Chair: Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim, Germany

09:00-09:45  Finding medicines for brain disorders
Luca Santarelli, CNS Discovery Research, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Basel, Switzerland

09:45-10:30  Current progress in psychotherapy: the example of depression treatment
Mathias Berger, Dept. of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University Medical Center Freiburg, Germany

10:30-11:00  Coffee break, ATC foyer

11:00-11:45  Deep brain stimulation for depression: science fact or fiction!
Sidney Kennedy, University of Toronto, Canada

11:45-13:00  Panel discussion
Tim Kendall, National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health, UK
Richard Smith, UnitedHealth Chronic Disease Initiative, UK
Lewis Wolpert, University College London, UK
Luca Santarelli
Mathias Berger
Sidney Kennedy

13:00-14:00  Lunch, ATC foyer

Session IV:  Society and mental illness

Chair: Nikolas Rose, London School of Economics, UK

14:00-14:45  Gene-environment interdependence
Sir Michael Rutter, King’s College London, UK

14:45-15:30  Sick brains, sick minds or sick societies? - what, if anything, might be ‘enhanced’?
Steven Rose, Open University, UK

15:30-16:15  Strategies to reduce mental illness stigma and discrimination
Wulf Rössler, Psychiatric University Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland

16:15-16:45  Coffee break, ATC foyer

16:45-18:15  Panel discussion
Sir Michael Rutter
Steven Rose
Wulf Rössler

18:15-18:30  Closing remarks
Maria Leptin, Director, EMBO, Heidelberg, Germany