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Call for Papers for the
9th EU-SPR Chapter Meeting **Rome (Italy)** - September 22nd to 24th,
2022
on the conference theme **Therapist Responsiveness: Challenges
and Opportunities**

Dear colleagues,

We are very pleased to invite you to submit your scientific work to the upcoming in-person meeting of the European Society for Psychotherapy Research (EU-SPR). Please submit via the online portal panels, individual papers, posters, structured discussions and workshops!

Check out the [website](#) for regularly updated information about the 9th EU-SPR conference in Rome

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Therapist's decisions and actions depend on client expressions and behaviors. Such therapist responsiveness poses a challenge in research on clinical outcome and mechanisms of change. However, it may also offer opportunities for creating new assessments and designs.

For this year's European Society for Psychotherapy Research meeting, the Scientific Committee particularly encourages contributions on the conference theme of therapist responsiveness. This may include - but is not limited to - specific topics like assessment of therapist responsiveness; conceptualization of change in psychotherapy as responsive interaction; models that operationalize therapist effects; responsiveness in different settings; responsiveness to cultural and social characteristics; supervisor responsiveness to psychotherapy trainees and qualitative research into therapist responsiveness.

We also welcome submissions on all areas of psychotherapy research, including elements of practice and training, innovative research designs, comparative studies, process research, and case studies. Preference will be given to rigorously conducted completed studies, though we also encourage the submission of research projects in any stage of development.

English will be the official conference language. Submissions and presentations must be in English.

Submission formats and procedures. We will accept submissions in five categories: panels, individual papers, posters, structured discussions and workshops. The scientific committee will group the submitted individual papers according to over-arching topics. The poster session will be replaced by a speed-talk session where the first author will be present in front of their projected poster. All submissions need to be made via the online platform below.

The submission **deadline will be March 15th, 2022 11.59PM CET**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent in May 2022.

<https://spr-eu.mymeetingsavvy.net>

Panels

Panels, or symposia, should include three to four presentations focused on a common theme or various aspects of a large-scale research project. The panels will last 75 minutes, with a minimum of 15 minutes for open discussion with the audience. Each panel should have a moderator (normally the organizer of the panel or another relevant person), and those with fewer than four papers are strongly encouraged to have an independent discussant. We encourage the inclusion of discussants who can provide a distinctive research and/or clinical perspective on the panel. The panel submission portal is set up for one person (in most cases the moderator) to submit the panel abstract AND each paper abstract together. Thus, before submitting, this person should collect all abstracts from the panel speakers and then proceed with the provided link. Overall and individual paper abstracts have a maximum of 300 words.

Individual Papers

Individual papers are suited for presentations of completed research, or projects that have not been submitted as part of an organized thematic panel. They will be a maximum of 15 minutes, and the Scientific Committee will organize papers of similar topics to be presented during the same time slot. The Scientific Committee will assign a moderator to each session. Abstracts have a maximum of 300 words.

Posters (speed-talk posters)

Poster presentations are appropriate for a range of research reports, including completed studies, pilot data, and work-in-progress. Posters offer the unique opportunity for the audience to see detailed graphic output. Due to onsite circumstances and to celebrate poster presentations, the poster session will be replaced by a speed-talk session where the first author will be present in front of their projected poster (printed poster are not necessary). The speaker should also bring print-outs of the poster in format A4. Abstracts have a maximum of 300 words.

Structured Discussion

Structured discussions provide an opportunity to assemble a group of interested researchers and/or clinicians to stimulate a dialogue on a topic of wide interest. Structured discussions are 75 minutes. Discussants (up to 5) will briefly address issues or positions to stimulate interactive discussion. The discussion may focus on empirical, theoretical, methodological and/or practice-related topics. Abstracts have a maximum of 300 words.

Workshops

Workshops are suitable for more didactic material. Research workshops should provide training in specific areas of psychotherapy research, methods, design or data analysis. The workshop learning objectives, method of teaching and target audience should be clearly outlined. Workshops are 180 minutes (including breaks) and will be scheduled on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 as pre-conference workshops. Abstracts have a maximum of 300 words (Note. workshops that are strictly practice-related, without connection to psychotherapy research, will not be considered).

Submission limits

First authorship is limited to one paper presentation in a panel, OR one individual paper presentation (excluding invited plenaries and speed-talk posters). This limitation does not apply to structured discussions and workshops, however, the total number of the latter two formats will be limited by the Scientific Committee.

Two opportunities for EU-SPR early career researchers

Student Travel Awards

If you are a student and you submit your work to the conference and if you are a member of the European Chapter of SPR, you are eligible to apply. The best submissions receive a stipend of USD 300 to support your travel to Rome (Italy). In addition to your Abstract (for paper or speed-talk poster), please submit a) proof of your EU-SPR membership payment for 2022 and b) a letter of support from your supervisor. Student Travel Awardees are notified by the Scientific Committee together with the notification on the submitted work. **Deadline of application is March 15th, 2022.**

Mentorship program

If you are an early career member of the European Chapter of SPR, you are eligible to apply for the mentorship program. You can apply to receive a one-hour one-to-one research coaching session with a senior researcher. In order to benefit from it, please [contact Johann Kleinbub](#) with a) proof of your EU-SPR membership payment for 2022 and b) a file in which you describe your question to the mentorship coaching session and, if you have one, the name of a preferred mentor. If you wish to suggest a mentor, there will be no guarantee that this mentor is available, but we will try to match expertise to your preference as much as we can. Please check the names of confirmed speakers and committee members on the SPR website. **Deadline of application is March 15th, 2022.**

General information

All speakers must be present onsite in Rome. For interested participants, a selection of presentations will be made available after the conference via an online system against a fee. All onsite participants must strictly comply with the local safety and health regulations. Proof of EMA approved post-vaccination status against COVID, or proof of recovery max 6 months prior to the event is mandatory for all delegates for all scientific and social activities related with the EU-SPR meeting. These restrictions are subject to change and we will inform about it on a regular basis. See more under [Europe Chapter - Events](#).

In case of questions, please contact president.euspr@gmail.com (Ueli Kramer) or vittorio.lingiardi@uniroma1.it (Vittorio Lingiardi)

On behalf of the Scientific Committee and the 2022 Rome Planning Committee, we look forward to reviewing your work, and to welcoming you to Rome in September!



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