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#### Accommodation

The Organizing secretariat has reserved a sufficient number of rooms of different hotel categories from 2 to 5 stars. Low budget accommodation in student residences will be also provided.

#### Tourist Information

Pisa is often identified with the Leaning Tower and the *Piazza dei Miracoli*, but it is also *Piazza dei Cavalieri*, *Chiesa della Spina*, *S. Matteo Museum*, *Opera del Duomo Museum* and the hometown of Galileo Galilei. The Pisa Congress Center is located within walking distance from the town centre and from the central railway station. Moreover, it is quickly and easily reachable from the Pisa International Airport, very well served by low-cost air companies. Late summer weather in Pisa is usually not too hot but still excellent for short pre- and post conference "health promoting" holidays at the beach or in one of the marvellous sites of Tuscany. The proximity with many historical sites including Florence (1 hour trip), Lucca (20 minutes trip), Siena (1 hour and 30 minutes trip) and Arezzo (2 hours trip) and with multiple recreational opportunities such as the beaches of Tirrenia (20 minutes trip) and Versilia (30 minutes trip), the marble quarries of the Apuan Alps (1 hour trip), the Abetone mountain with its famous spring water (1 hour and 30 minutes trip), make up an extraordinary complement to the European Health Psychology Society conference which will be hosted by one of the most ancient universities of Italy.

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## 23rd Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society Pisa (Italy) September 23rd to 26th, 2009

First Announcement

# HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

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#### Conference Venue

Congress Palace of Pisa  
Via Matteotti, 1 - 56124 Pisa, Italy



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#### Welcome

The European Health Psychology Society has chosen Pisa for its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference which will be held from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The aim of the meeting is to link up the theoretical knowledge of health psychology to psychological interventions in health and illness. Scientific research in the field of health has an excellent and long lasting history in Pisa and is deeply rooted in medical sciences. The main objectives of the meeting are to offer advanced level lectures, presentation of new findings and research in different areas of health psychology.

The conference will provide space for contributors and delegates to exchange new ideas, research data and projects in significant conceptual and operative models that are also relevant to health psychology practice and education.

The stimulating environment that makes Pisa the golden gate of Tuscany constitutes the perfect frame for such an important event, that year after year testifies the continuous growth of the European Health Psychology Society.

It is both our privilege and pleasure to invite and welcome you to Pisa in September 2009 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> EHPS Annual Conference.



# HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

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### Conference Structure

- a key-note lecture on each day of the meeting
- symposia
- oral and poster presentations
- round tables
- pre- conference Synergy and Create workshops
- pre- and post- conference EHPS workshops

### Provisional Topics

- Basic research in health psychology
- Cultural perspectives to health psychology
- Development, aging and health
- Emotions and psychosomatics
- Family, social environment and health
- Health promotion and education
- Health promotion in health settings
- Health promotion in working environments
- Health psychology and pain
- Health psychology and politics
- Health psychology in the hospital
- Health psychology, psychopathology and quality of life
- Illness perception
- Life-style and health
- Media and health psychology
- Methodological and measurement issues
- Psychological consequences of chronic disease
- Psychological interventions in chronic disease
- Psychology and rehabilitation
- Psycho-oncology
- Qualitative research
- Risk perception
- Sleep-wake cycle, mental functions and health
- Stress, coping and social support
- Theories and models in health psychology

### Important Dates

- Deadline for symposium proposals: January, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Deadline for abstract submissions: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Deadline for early registration: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Deadline for Synergy registration: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Deadline for Create application: June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Deadline for Create registration: July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Registration

	Registration Fee	
	Early	Regular
EHPs members	300 €	340 €
EHPs non-members	400 €	440 €
Reduced fee*	140 €	165 €

\*Students and delegates from countries listed as "low economic resources countries" by the World Bank

### Young Researchers Award

At the end of the conference, scientifically relevant contributions presented by young researchers (age  $\leq$  35 years), preferentially from countries listed as "low economic resources countries" by the World Bank, will be awarded the Young Researchers Award. The award will cover the early registration fee and part of travel expenses. The number of awards and the amount of each award will be defined in the final program.

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