

ECO2013, the 20th European Congress on Obesity, will take place in Liverpool (UK) from 12th to 15th May 2013.



Welcome to the 1st edition of the ECO2013 e-newsletter. We will use the newsletter series to update you on ECO programme developments, abstract submission and registration deadlines, social programme options and news from the City of Liverpool. We hope that the information we provide will inspire you to participate!

Why is the ECO Important?

Europe faces its greatest social and economic challenge in 70 years. Economic conditions will impact on the health of European citizens, particularly the most vulnerable including children and the elderly. It is therefore critical that we continue to celebrate excellence in obesity research across scientific disciplines. The next European Congress of Obesity will seek to demonstrate the necessity of translating research into practice for the health, social and economic benefits for Europe and its citizens.

Visit the [EASO website](#) for further information on the ECO

A Scientific Programme with Wide Appeal

The programme will place obesity research at the centre of National and European policy agendas for the next decade. The scientific committee has constructed a programme more inclusive than ever before bringing together basic science with clinical management, and behavioural and nutritional expertise with policy and intervention.

Utilising cross-cutting themes the congress will appeal to a wider possible audience than previous years, including researchers, policy makers & clinicians caring for people with obesity and related conditions. This will encourage active discussion and debate both within and across the traditional scientific, clinical and public health disciplines represented in the meeting.

Abstract Submission will open on 1st October 2012, with a deadline of 9th December 2012. Visit the [ECO2013 website](#) to view the provisional scientific programme.

Liverpool: A Welcoming City

Liverpool is looking forward to welcoming you to ECO 2013. Voted the UK's friendliest city for the second year running by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine, the city is also delegate friendly, with easy access from two international airports (Liverpool John Lennon Airport and Manchester International airport) and a regular two hour train journey from London. A walkable safe city, with good signage and locals who will happily point you in the right direction, Liverpool's BT Convention Centre is adjacent to the waterfront and in the heart of the city centre. A three minute walk away is the Albert Dock, where you will find hotels, shops, cafes, restaurants, bars, galleries and museums.

[Find out for yourself!](#)

Liverpool oozes culture and heritage. The city has a glorious past as a mercantile hub and gateway to the New World, but today it is also a key destination for art lovers, fans of the theatre and museumgoers.

For example, Tate Liverpool is the home of the National Collection of Modern Art in the north. Located on the Grade One listed Albert Dock and within easy walking distance from the City centre, Tate Liverpool has become a venue for major exhibitions of international modern art, as well as hosting large and changing displays from the national collection, making it the ideal place to either see your favourite artwork or discover something new.

Further information is available [here](#).

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