

Second announcement

48th Annual Meeting of The European Teratology Society



*Monday 14th September to Thursday 17th September 2020
Madrid, Spain*

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

With great pleasure, I would like to invite you all to the 48th Annual Meeting of the European Teratology Society (ETS). The conference will be held from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th of September 2020 in Madrid, the third-largest city in the European Union which monocentric metropolitan area is the third-largest in the EU too.

The key sessions for ETS 2020 will include:

- Educational course on Reproductive system
- Symposia:
 - Symposium 1: Growth retardation. Clinical outcomes
 - Symposium 2: Neurobehavioral effects on Development
 - Symposium 3: Nanoparticles and development
 - Symposium 4: Regulatory challenges in DART data interpretation

The programme will also include:

- The Round table on “Endocrine disruption (sexual and thyroid, policy/ approach to population influences)”.
- The Presidents’ Award Lecture.
- The ETS/TS Exchange Lecture.
- The Elsevier Award Lecture with the best manuscript presented.
- Free presentations and Posters presentations, that will provide opportunity for all participants to present and discuss their activities.

In addition to the scientific programme, which will provide a stimulating atmosphere for scientific exchanges as well as opportunity to make new acquaintances, there is Madrid. The Rafael Hoteles Atocha is located in the Atocha neighborhood, a prime location due to its proximity to the station which has connections to main Spanish cities, but also because of how close it is to the most significant cultural area of the city: the “Golden Triangle of Art”, which includes the Reina Sofia National Museum Art Centre, the Prado Museum and the Thyssen Bornemisza Museum. The hotels’ great location in this neuralgic centre of Madrid will allow you not only visiting the famous art museums of the city, but also walking around one of the biggest green lung of Madrid, Parque del Retiro, and enjoying Spain’s legendary nightlife and Madrid’s **tapas** culture, that will make your mouth water during your walking through the city with the tempting food and drink offered in the Spanish capital. Accommodation options will be available to meet all budgets, even the Rafael Hoteles Atocha will hold the Conference, including the reception in its relaxing garden.

We keep encouraging you to actively participate in and strengthen this scientific programme by submitting your abstract for an oral presentation or poster by the **1st of April 2020** to muriana@biobide.es. Best submitted works will be acknowledged by several awards. Also consider submitting a **manuscript** (original research, review or position paper) for the Special Issue of the 48th ETS meeting in Reproductive Toxicology. Submission should be done via <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/reproductive-toxicology> and selecting SI: ETS2020 by the **1st of March 2020**.

I look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to the ETS conference in 2020. Welcome to Madrid!

Arantza Muriana Miralles
On behalf of the entire ETS Council

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Preliminary Programme Overview

Monday 14 September	Tuesday 15 September	Wednesday 16 September	Thursday 17 September
9:00-13:00: ETS 1 st council meeting	morning: President's award lecture + symposium 1 Growth Retardation	morning: Symposium 3 Nanoparticles and development + free communications	morning: Elsevier Award Lecture + Symposium 4 Regulatory challenges
		noon: YS Round Table Endocrine Disruption Round Table	noon: 2nd council meeting
afternoon: Education course and welcome reception/YS Happy Hour	afternoon: Symposium 2 Neurobehavioural + free communications (young scientists) + poster session	afternoon: ETS/TS debate + free communications + AGM and Gala dinner	

Call for Abstracts

Participants interested in giving an oral or poster presentation are invited to submit an abstract. Work on topics related to the main symposia or the education course and ETS/TS Discussion, will be given preference for free communications. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the ETS officers. Accepted abstracts received **until 1st April 2020** will be published in the Special Conference Issue of Reproductive Toxicology. Abstracts received after this date will be distributed at the meeting.

Abstract template (Times New Roman 12):

- Title in bold
- Authors names should appear in bold, with surname first followed by full first name and second initial. Presenting author should be indicated with an asterisk after surname. Example: Beekhuijzen^{*1} Manon, Mantovani² Alberto, Barrow³ Paul. Failure to follow this format will result in incorrect indexing in the journal.
- Affiliation in italics, name of institute, place and country only. Multiple affiliations indicated by superscript numbers after surnames.
- One line spacing before body text.
- Abstract body in plain text in one paragraph, no indents or empty lines. No figures or Tables
- Up to three references may be cited indicated by numbers in square brackets in line with the text. The reference style of Reproductive Toxicology should be used (<https://www.elsevier.com/journals/reproductive-toxicology/0890-6238/guideforauthors#20300>).
- Organize text in: introduction, methods, results and conclusions. Provide factual text. Avoid general statements like: “results will be presented”.
- Use 300 up to a maximum of 500 words for complete abstract (including title, authors, affiliation and text).
- Add preference choice for poster or oral presentation.

Abstract deadline: 1st April 2020

Please e-mail abstracts to: muriana@biobide.es

ETS/Elsevier Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded during the ETS meeting:

- The ETS and Elsevier Publication Award for best Reproductive Toxicology manuscript in the previous year.
- The ETS Prize given best poster or free communication delivered by a young scientist at the conference.
- The Elsevier Best Presentation Award for best poster or free communication at the conference.
- The ETS Presidents' Award lecture, given by an esteemed member of the ETS at the invitation of the president.
- The ETS Young Scientist Round Table Medal for the best presentation at the young scientist round table discussion session.

ETS Young Scientist/Student Support

Thanks to our **Sustaining Membership Sponsors**, the ETS has the opportunity to encourage, educate and support a number of young scientists/students through travel grants, research/congress bursaries, young scientist prizes and reduced registration fees. In order to be eligible, students must submit an abstract for presentation at the conference and apply for membership to the Society. Applications should be made by the student's Supervisor to the Secretary of the ETS. Awards will be given at the discretion of the ETS.

ETS Secretary: secretary@etsoc.com

Social Programme

Welcome Reception – Monday 14th September – Rafaelhoteles Atocha (Méndez Alvaro, 30 – 28045 Madrid)

On the evening of Monday 14th September we would like to invite you to join us at the Welcome Reception.

The Reception will take place in the congress venue where you will have the opportunity to meet colleagues and friends, to chat and prepare yourself for the following days of the conference.

The Reception will last about 2 hours, with drinks and light snacks. There are several restaurants in walking distance to the venue to go out for dinner afterwards.

Join us, have a drink and enjoy the evening.

ETS Conference Dinner – Wednesday 16th September – Casa Suecia (Calle del Marqués de Casa Riera 4, 28014 Madrid)

The conference dinner will take place in the restaurant “Casa Suecia“ which has a beautiful rooftop terrace with great views over the city of Madrid. You are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner made of typical Spanish tapas and to meet friends and colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere. This year dinner will be focused on networking and communication. With the stunning bar Hemingway for an after-dinner party.

The restaurant is only 25 minutes’ walking distance to the congress venue and has also a direct metro connection.

Please note that the dinner is no longer included in the registration fee. So please add the congress dinner to your registration to enjoy this evening with us and take the opportunity to spend a great evening above the city roofs of Madrid.

ETS Annual Meeting Registration

Please register online at: <http://www.etsoc.com> you will be able to pay directly by credit card (American Express, Master Card and Visa).

The fees quoted are inclusive of VAT (21%). A VAT receipt will be issued to permit VAT registered companies to reclaim the tax.

Registration Fees

Registration Fees (including 21% VAT)

	Until 31 May 2020	1 – 30 June 2020	After 30 June 2020
ETS members	545,00 €	575,00 €	756,00 €
Non members	640,00 €	670,00 €	760,00 €
Students	150,00 €	160,00 €	185,00 €

Above fees include all scientific sessions, free communications, lunch and welcome reception.

One-day Registration (including 21% VAT)

	Until 31 May 2020	1 – 30 June 2020	After 30 June 2020
ETS members	230,00 €	240,00 €	260,00 €
Non members	265,00 €	275,00 €	315,00 €
Students	85,00 €	90,00 €	95,00 €

One-day fees include the ETS lecture, free communications and lunch for the registered day.

Education Course (including 21% VAT)

	Until 31 May 2020	1 – 30 June 2020	After 30 June 2020
ETS members	90,00 €	100,00 €	135,00 €
Non members	130,00 €	145,00 €	170,00 €
Students	50,00 €	60,00 €	75,00 €

* Students registration to be supported by supervisors letter

Congress Dinner (16.09.2020) (including 21% VAT) 50,00 €

Hardcopy of the abstract book* (including 21% VAT) 10,00 €

* A USB Stick with an electrical version will be provided for every participant.

Accompanying person (including 21% VAT) 75,00 €

The Accompanying person fee includes welcome reception (14.09.2020) and ETS Conference dinner (16.09.2020). Entrance to the scientific sessions and lunch is not included.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellations are to be notified in writing to the ETS Conference Organizing office.

Refunds will be made under the following conditions:

You may cancel at no penalty within 48 hours of placing your registration.

- Until 1 July 2020 a 60% refund of the registration fee will be given.
- After 1 July 2020, no registration fees will be refunded.
- All refunds will be handled after the Conference.

Accommodation

The congress hotel (Rafaelhoteles Atocha) is located in the district Atocha, close to one of the two main stations (AVE Madrid Puerta de Atocha station). It is close to the most significant cultural area in the city: the “Golden Triangle of Art”, which includes the Reina Sofia National Museum Art Centre, the Prado Museum and the Thyssen Bornemisza Museum.

All over Madrid you can find hotels and hostels in different categories. Make your reservation as early as possible. Madrid is well-booked all year!

Here are a few hotels which provide a limited contingent of rooms:

Hotel	Category	Distance to congress venue	Room	Price/night incl. breakfast	Rooms blocked 13-17 Sept. 2020	Available till	Contact/ how to book
Rafael-hoteles Atocha	****	–	Standard double room, for double or single use	€ 165,00 for single use € 178,20 for double use	50	20 th August 2020	www.rafaelhoteles.com/en/ets-2020.html
IBIS Budget Madrid Centro Lavapiés	*	1,5 km	Standard double bed room, for double or single use	€ 90,00 for single use € 95,00 for double use Minimum length of stay: 3 nights <i>The hotel will charge a 20% nonrefundable fee at time of the booking. The balance will be charged at the same credit card 15 days before the arrival.</i>	30	4 th September 2020	HAoF2@accor.com

Credit Card Guarantee

In order to guarantee accommodation, you need to provide your credit card details to the hotel.

Payment Options

Accommodation must be paid directly to the hotel during your stay.

Change your reservation

If you need to change your reservation, please contact the hotel directly.

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Congress Venue

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Also close is the district Lavapiés, the most multicultural district of Madrid, with many bars and restaurants. About half of its residents originate from Africa, Asia or Latin America. Plenty of world music bars and many alternative theaters and art galleries, as well as Indian restaurants, alternative cafés, African music and South American shops.

Climate in Madrid

Madrid has a continental climate, hot and dry in summer and cold in winter with frequent frosts during the night and the occasional snowfall.

September generally has very pleasant temperatures. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 25°C (77°F).

Spring and autumn are mild and the best time to visit Madrid. So, what to wear in September? For warm to hot days, as are common for the month, pack lightweight everything: short-sleeved tees and shirts, lightweight pants or shorts, and capri pants for women. For men, think in terms of dressy shorts and polos or button-downs. Jeans and other long pants might feel a bit too warm in the daytime, but would be a good addition for evenings after the sun goes down and things begin to cool off. You also might need a lightweight jacket or sweater for nights out.

Transportation

By air

The Madrid Barajas International Airport is located 13 km north-east of the city. All commercial flights into Madrid use this airport.

From the airport you can take the metro line 8 until the last stop at *Nuevos Ministerios*. From there you take the metro line 6 until the station *Méndez Álvaro*. From here it is a walk of about 1 km to the conference hotel.

You can also take the bus, line Exprés-203, until the station *Atocha Renfe*. From there it is ca. 1 km to the conference hotel.

You can find information on the website of the airport (<https://www.aeropuertomadrid-barajas.com/eng/>).

If you want to take a taxi, it will take about 30 minutes, depending on the traffic.

By train

There are two main stations in Madrid: Atocha (close to the congress venue) and Chamartín. The extensive Renfe railway network has its capital in Madrid, where trains from all over Spain arrive. Also international trains from France and Portugal arrive and depart in Madrid. Under <http://www.renfe.com/> you can search for train connections.

Get around

You can find detailed information about the public transport on the official tourism website under <https://www.esmadrid.com/en/plan-your-trip-madrid>.

If you want to travel around in Madrid, the Tourist Travel Pass is a cheap and practical way. It allows unlimited trips in all types of public transport within the chosen timeframe (from 1 to 7 days).

Here (<https://www.metromadrid.es/en>) you can find the schedule of the different metro lines, a map, the prices and also an APP which you can download on your smartphone.

Tip: If you already have Google Maps on your smartphone, you can use this also for your route planning with public transports.

Language

The official language in Spain is Spanish (Castilian). But there are different other languages like Catalan (spoken in Catalonia and the Balearic Islands), Galician (in Galicia) and Basque (in the Basque Country and Navarre). The language of the congress is English.

Currency & Exchange

As Spain is a member of the European Union the currency is the Euro (€), divided into 100 Cent. Currency can be exchanged at the airport, banks and exchange offices. ATMs are widely available.

In Madrid, you may tip or not depending exclusively on how happy you are with the service you get. Among the locals, at least, it's always been up to the consumer to decide whether and how much to tip.

Some restaurants may add a 2- or 3-euro charge to the bill for bread and appetizers, a service which they have the obligation to tell you about and which you can refuse. Remember that in all establishments, service is included in the price. This isn't the case in hotels and restaurants, where the legend 'IVA NO INCLUIDO' (VAT NOT INCLUDED) usually comes next to the price. This means you should add 10%.

Electricity

The electrical supply in Spain is 230 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per seconds.. Sockets are suitable for euro plugs and plugs of Type F (grounding clips on both sides). If your plug doesn't fit this descriptions, you may need a plug adapter. If you travel with a device that does not accept 230 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will also need a voltage converter.

Disclaimer

The organizers are not liable for damages and/or losses of any kind which may be incurred by the meeting delegates or by any other individuals accompanying them, both during the official activities as well as going to/from the meeting. Delegates are responsible for their own safety and belongings.

Insurance and Vaccinations

The registration fee does not cover insurance for the delegates. The organizers recommend that delegates take out an insurance in their home country to cover prejourney cancellation for personal reasons and to cover accidents, medical expenses and loss of personal belongings during the visit. No vaccinations are needed when visiting Spain.

Visas

Passport and Visas

Please check on the website of the Federal Foreign Office which you will find on the following link if you need to apply for a visa to travel to Spain.

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>

It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to take care of his / her visa requirements. Attendees who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. It is recommended to apply for a visa at least 3 months in advance of the Congress. When the registration has already been paid, the registration fee minus a handling fee of 50 EUR will be refunded after the Congress if the visa was applied for in time, and proof of this, together with an official notice from the embassy confirming that a visa could not be granted, is forwarded to: pia.schroeder@solution-office.de.

Letter of invitation

If you need a letter of invitation for your visa please contact the congress organizer Pia Schröder at solution office (pia.schroeder@solution-office.de).

Please note that a letter of invitation will only be issued after you have registered and paid for the congress.

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