



# IASAT

International Association for  
the Study of Affective Touch

## IASAT 2017

2nd Congress

Friday **1st September** - Sunday **3rd September**  
Hosted in **Liverpool, UK** at **Liverpool John Moores University**

The [International Association for the Study of Affective Touch](#) (IASAT), in partnership with the [Research Centre for Brain & Behaviour](#) at Liverpool John Moores University, is offering BSCN members an exclusive 10% discount on academic registration fees for our 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial meeting.

### Dear British Society of Clinical Neurophysiologist Members

On behalf of IASAT, I am delighted to invite you to participate in the biennial IASAT meeting, an international, three-day, special symposium focusing on the role of a class of unmyelinated mechanosensitive afferents (c-tactile afferents - CTs), found in the hairy skin of all social mammals. CTs are hypothesised to provide the neurobiological substrate for the rewarding properties of nurturing and affiliative behaviours – and, as recent research is discovering, a whole lot more!

The meeting will take place in the James Parsons Lecture Theatre, Byrom Street campus, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, L3 3AF

**Late poster abstracts will be accepted until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.**

See below for details about the registration process for BSCN Members.

### Registration Procedure for BSCN Members

1. [Sign Up](#) (or [Login](#)) as an IASAT Member for FREE.
2. Visit the [IASAT2017 event page](#) for the registration link.
3. [Register & Pay](#) via the separate online payment system, selecting the “Partner Society Rate” for your discount.

#### Registration Prices:

Students & ECRs: £120 // Academic Members: £220 // Corporate & Other  
Members: £240

**Exclusive price for BSCN Members: £198**

BSCN Student members are also eligible for the highly discounted Student  
& ECR rate.

Registration fees are subsidised and include full attendance Friday –  
Sunday, Wine Reception (Friday), and Gala Dinner (Saturday). Spaces are  
limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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**The symposium is divided into 5 sessions, each including a special Keynote speaker.**

Session 1 will provide focus on the neurobiology of the CT, from the 1<sup>st</sup> order neurone to its representation in the brain.

Session 2 will review the role of early life experiences on the developing brain from an epigenetic viewpoint through to the role of nurture and care over the lifespan.

Session 3 reviews the role of hormones such as oxytocin and neurotransmitters such as serotonin in the CT story.

Session 4 - the Data Blitz Session is an opportunity for postgraduates and early career scientist, selected from their poster abstracts, to deliver a 7-min 'data blitz' talk.

Session 5 will explore what we now know or hypothesise about the function of CTs with examples of how they are implicated in baby care and dementia, and how this integrates within the wider world of C-fibre function.

**There will also be a gala dinner the evening of September 2nd at which Nina Jablonski will be delivering the after dinner talk.**

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Please contact Adarsh Makdani ([A.Makdani@2014.ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:A.Makdani@2014.ljmu.ac.uk)) if you have any problems or queries.

Thank you. We look forward to welcoming you to Liverpool.

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