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#### ABOUT SEOUL

Seoul is the capital and largest metropolis of Republic of Korea. The Seoul Capital Area, which includes the surrounding Incheon metropolis and Gyeonggi province, is the world's second largest metropolitan area with over 25.6 million people and home to over half of Republic of Koreans along with 632,000 international residents.

Seoul has been the capital of Korea for more than 600 years, since the Joseon Dynasty (1392–1910). Seoul has developed into a bustling metropolis, acting as the hub for political, economical, social and cultural matters. The Han River, which runs through the center of the city, divides Seoul into the culture and history-oriented northern region, and the business-oriented southern region. The Seoul metropolitan area contains four UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Changdeok Palace, Hwaseong Fortress, Jongmyo Shrine and the Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty. Today, Seoul is one of the leading and rising global cities in the world.

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Globalization has broken down the traditional boundaries separating individuals and societies, and technological innovation such as internet and smart phones have provided us with effectiveness, convenience and affluence. However, these processes are changing the nature of human interaction and clearly have both negative and positive results, and it is likely to create both losers and winners. According to a WHO report, the prevalence rate of mental disorders such as depression, anxiety and drug abuse has been rapidly increasing both in developed and developing countries. The CINP is the only International College of Neuropsychopharmacology that has been contributing to the development of pharmacotherapy for mental disorders for more than half a century. In the long history of the CINP, the memorable 30th Congress will be held in Seoul, Korea, in June 5 - 9, 2016, which is the third time in Asia following the 1990 Kyoto Congress and 2010 Hong Kong Congress.

Seoul is the capital city of Republic of Korea with an official history of 600 years. Seoul has many temples and four major palaces such as the most famous Gyeongbokgung. The city offers many other cultural and artistic attractions including the Museum of Art, which features traditional porcelain, textile and jewelry exhibits. There are also old tombs and ancient remains such as the Seoul Fortress, located in the Jongno-gu, Jung-gu and Seongbuk-gu areas of the city. The Congress Venue, Convention & Exhibition Center (COEX) is located in the center of the city and easily accessible from Incheon airport which is convenient for air travelers coming from Europe and America as well as any point in Asia.

Please put the dates in your diary now and watch for further announcements with regard to submitting papers and posters or registering to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to the historical, beautiful and cultural Asian city of Seoul.

Sincerely yours,

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