TARGET GROUPS
This symposium and the inaugural lecture aim at a broad group of professionals working as scientists, clinicians or other health care professionals and others interested in current research and health care innovations.

VENUE
The symposium will take place at the Beckmanns Hof
Internationales Begegnungszentrum der Ruhr-Universität Bochum (IBZ)
Universitätsstraße 150
44801 Bochum, Germany

The Ruhr-University Bochum is easily accessible by public transport and there is a parking garage at the university for guests. More information can be found on http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/universitaet/campus-und-kultur/orientierung/anreise/index_en.html.

DATE AND TIME
June 15th, 2012 from 9.30 to 18.00.

REGISTRATION
You are cordially invited to this meeting. For the symposium, please register yourself by sending an e-mail with your address to sekretariat@medpsych.ruhr-uni-bochum.de before June 8th, 2012.

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**DEAR COLLEAGUES,**

We are pleased to invite you to our special interest meeting “Depression in the context of chronic pain: Current challenges and future avenues”, which will be held on June 15, 2012 at the Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany.

The common goal of this special interest meeting will be to advance our understanding of the complex relationships between pain and depression from a psychosocial, psychophysiological and neuroimaging perspective. This scientific meeting will integrate conceptual issues of depression in pain with new evidence from neurocognitive processing and imaging approaches and sets out to challenge our current knowledge by offering new directions for future research.

We look forward to seminal discussions and to welcome you in Bochum.

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<td>Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Richard Viebahn (Vice-Dean of Medical Faculty, University of Bochum) Chair: Prof. Dr. Monika Hasenbring (Medical Psychology &amp; Medical Sociology, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)</td>
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| 10.00 – 10.30 | Inaugural lecture for Medical Psychology by Jun.-Prof. Dr. Adina Carmen Rusu-Klappheck (Bochum, Germany)  
A neurocognitive processing perspective in musculoskeletal disorders: Disentangling the “Pain-Depression-Confundrum” |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Prof. Dr. Steven Linton (Centre for Health and Medical Psychology, Örebro University, Sweden)  
Understanding the link between depression and pain: review and glimpse into the future |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Prof. Dr. Andrea Evers (Department of Medical Psychology at the UMC St Radboud, University of Nijmegen, Netherlands)  
Psychological determinants of chronic illness: The role of psychobiological stress mechanisms and sensitization process in pain |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Prof. Dr. Linda Vancreel (Maastricht University, Netherlands)  
Cognitive processing as a vulnerability factor for the development and maintenance of chronic pain |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | Lunch break |
| 13.30 – 14.00 | Prof. Dr. Stefaan Van Damme (University of Ghent, Belgium)  
Coping with chronic pain: a self-regulation perspective |
| 14.00 – 14.30 | Prof. Dr. Monika Hasenbring (Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)  
Bringing neurobehavioural science into clinical practice: Genes, environment and pain responses as precursors of recovery |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | Prof. Dr. Lance McCracken (University of London, UK)  
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| 15.00 – 15.30 | Prof. Dr. Stephen Morley (University of Leeds, UK)  
The context of pain and suffering: The impact of chronic pain on personal identity |
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| 16.00 – 16.30 | Prof. Dr. Jeanne Verbunt/Dr. Hanne Kindermans (Maastricht University, Netherlands)  
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