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The Diogenes Project – Diet, Obesity & Genes
Targeting the obesity problem: seeking new insights & routes to prevention
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Media Information

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DIOGENES at European Congress of Obesity (ECO) 2009 **Amsterdam Thursday 7-Saturday 9 May 2009**

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DIOGENES associated partners are involved in the following sessions at ECO. Rhonda Smith will be at ECO for Diogenes Wednesday – Friday. Call for further information or to arrange interviews on 07887-714957 on site, or contact Wim Saris' office post ECO as shown below.

Thursday 7 May 2009 15.00 – 16.30 hrs Review Sessions

T5:RS2 Dietary management *Location: Elicium 1*

Chairpersons: Soren Toubro (Denmark), Lillian Jensen (Denmark)

T5:RS2.1 The role of functional foods: Hype, help or hope?
Wim Saris (The Netherlands)

T5:RS2.3 Eating less, while burning more; acute effects of bioactive components during energy restriction
Astrid Smeets (The Netherlands) (**RTD5 - coordinator is Øydis Ueland**)

T5:RS2.4 A 6-month study on body weight regulation and body composition in overweight and obese children following three different diets varying in protein content
Lars Klingenberg (Denmark) (**RTD1 - coordinator Arne Astrup**)

Friday 8 May 2009 11.30 – 13.00 hrs Oral Sessions

T5:OS1 Dietary management and lifestyle

Location: Main Auditorium

Chairpersons: Hermann Toplak (Aut), Yves Schutz (Switz)

T5:OS1.3 Relation of Fatty Acid Composition of Adipose Tissue to Weight Change in Obese Subjects after 6 Month Controlled Weight Maintenance Diets. **DIOGENES Study**
Marie Kunesova (Czech Republic) (**RTD1 - coordinator Arne Astrup**)

Friday 8 May 2009 11.30 – 13.00 hrs Oral Sessions

T2:OS2 Determinants over the lifespan

Location: Elicium 2

Chairpersons: Carolyn Summberbell (UK), Marjolein Visser (Neth)

T2:OS2.6 Total dietary fiber and cereal fiber intake in relation to subsequent weight change among Europeans: **the DIOGENES study**

Huaidong Du (UK) ([RTD3 - coordinator Thorkild Sørensen](#))

Friday 8 May 2009 11.30 – 13.00 hrs Oral Sessions
T3/T4:OS1 Energy metabolism and insulin sensitivity

Location: Elicium 1

Chairpersons: Jan Polak (Czech), Patrick Schrauwen (Neth)

T3/T4:OS1.3 Adipose tissue lipid and fatty acid compositions change substantially in acquired obesity
Kirsi Pietiläinen (Fin)

Friday 8 May 2009 15.00 – 16.30 hrs Review Sessions

T2:RS3 Levels and trends of obesity in Europe

Location: Room A

Chairpersons: Jaap Seidell (Neth), Colleen Doak (Neth)

T2:RS3.1 Is the obesity epidemic taking a break?
Thorkild Sorensen (Den) ([RTD3 coordinator](#))

Friday 8 May 2009 17.00 – 17.45 hrs Plenary Lecture 4

Location: Main Auditorium

Chairpersons: Edwin Mariman (Neth), Renato Pasquali (It)

T4:PL What have we learned from whole genome scans in obesity?
Ruth Loos (UK) ([RTD3 - coordinator Thorkild Sørensen](#))

Saturday 9 May 2009 09.30 – 11.00 hrs Oral Sessions

T4:OS2 Nutrients and tissue metabolism

Location: Elicium 1

Chairpersons: Edith Feskens (Neth), Thorkild Sorensen (Den) TBC

T4:OS2.2 Adipose tissue mRNA biomarkers of macronutrient dietary intake in weight reduced obese humans
Marquez-Quiñones (Fr) ([RTD2 - coordinator Dominique Langin](#))

Saturday 9 May 2009 11.30 – 13.00 hrs Review Sessions

T2:RS4 New determinants of obesity

Location: Elicium 1

Chairpersons: Rik Bogers (Neth), Nicholas Katsilambros (Gr) TBC

T2:RS4.3 High levels of physical activity can attenuate the effect of FTO (fat mass and obesity associated) gene variant on obesity
Vimalaswaran Santhanakrishnan ([RTD3 - coordinator Thorkild Sørensen](#))

DIAGENES partners as chairpersons at ECO2009
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John Blundell (UK) – RTD4 - see page 3 and page 15
Thorkild Sorensen (Den), - RTD3 - see page 4 and page 15
Marleen Van Baak (Neth), - RTD 1 - see page 5
Wim Saris (Neth) – Co-ordinator see page 10
Margriet Westerterp (Neth),- RTD 5 - see page 13
Edwin Mariman (Neth), - RTD 2 - see page 14
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Notes to Editors

The Diogenes Project www.diogenes-eu.org managed by Professor Wim Saris (Maastricht) is an EC-funded pan-European Research Programme targeting the obesity problem from a dietary perspective: seeking new insights and new routes to prevention. It is an Integrated Project of the EU Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (2005-2009). The name Diogenes is an acronym for the project and stands for 'Diet, Obesity and Genes'. Diogenes is integrating dietary, genetic, physiological, psychological / behavioural and food technology studies.