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Keynote speakers:

**Professor Martin Brüne (Ruhr-University of Bochum, Germany)**

Martin Brüne is a Professor of Psychiatry in the Research Department of Neuroscience at the Ruhr-University in Bochum. He completed training in neurology in 1993 and in psychiatry in 1995, and subsequent training included a visiting research fellowship at “Centre of Mind”, Australia.

His main research interests concern various aspects of social cognition, in particular in schizophrenia and other psychoses. He co-edited the book “The social brain: Evolution and pathology” in 2003, and current research includes analyses of the association of social cognition with social function, nonverbal behaviour, insight, and social prognosis in psychosis. He is also involved in cross-cultural research on delusions.

Martin also has longstanding interest in the evolutionary aspects of psychiatric disorders, and he is the author of the recent “Textbook of evolutionary psychiatry”, published by OUP in 2009.

**Dr Karen Croot (The University of Sydney, Australia)**

Karen Croot is a lecturer in Applied Cognitive Psychology in the Department of Psychology at The University of Sydney. Her research focusses on the areas of neuropsychology and neurolinguistics, particularly the processes of phonological encoding and articulation.

She investigates speech and language impairments that occur in the context of dementia, strokes or following traumatic brain injuries. Karen has published about rare cases of foreign accent syndrome, and progressive aphasia.