

Welcome to the 21st ESCoP Conference!

We are living in interesting times. Sometimes it appears that cognition – the mind's ability to gain insight through its senses, to remember past experiences, to draw rational conclusions and to talk to each other – is gradually vanishing from the world. It is encouraging to see that, against this trend, the scientific study of cognition is healthy and growing, and perhaps even making progress. The program of this year's conference is a show of strength of our science; it reflects the challenges and the joy of digging deeper into the inner works of the mind. Let's celebrate this strength during the coming days in Tenerife; let's use our senses, gain insights, ponder conclusions, and talk to each other. May you all have an interesting time!

Klaus Oberauer
President of the ESCoP

Message from the Organizers

Warm welcome to Tenerife and to a new meeting of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology; the 21st since the foundation of the society, 34 years ago. For this edition, The ESCoP has entrusted the *Research Group in Cognitive Neuroscience and Psycholinguistics of the University of La Laguna* with the organization of the conference. A mission which we have proudly accepted and have put our hearts into, to make sure it will be an experience worth remembering. The University of La Laguna (ULL) was founded in 1792 and is one of the two main Universities of the Canary Islands. As well as its association with the famous Canary Islands Institute of Astrophysics (IAC), the main strength of the ULL are the research programs in Biomedical and Psychological Sciences. Well known in these areas of research are the Department of Cognitive Psychology, the Institute of Neuroscience, and the Institute of Biomedical Technologies, to which the members of our research group belong.

For this conference, we are excited to be offering a rich scientific program with a record number of high quality presentations, and participants from more than forty countries around the world. As in previous ESCoP meetings we will start with some satellite events taking place before the Opening Ceremony. As one of these satellite events, the organizing committee will present a special symposium about the legacy of the experiments that Wolfgang Köhler performed in Tenerife a century ago, connecting the past of Psychology with current research. During the conference, we will be honoured by the participation of our four invited speakers. As a novelty, in this edition, each of the keynote lectures will be followed by a symposia related to the topic of their lecture. The program will also include a larger number of presentations than in previous editions; 40 symposia with 200 talks, 160 individual talks organized in thematic sessions, and 490 poster presentations. We will be enjoying this amazing scientific program in an outstanding location: the conference centre is situated beside one of Tenerife's most famous beaches, in a key tourist venue that offers a wide range of facilities. We are sure that this will encourage the perfect atmosphere to facilitate fruitful discussions and exchange of ideas. Moreover, our social program will allow you to relax after the intense working hours, providing the opportunity to enjoy the local gastronomy or visit the unique volcanic landscape in the island's interior.

On behalf of the local organizing committee, I would like to thank the ESCoP's executive committees of the past four years for their trust and support. I would like also to express my deepest gratitude to the members of the scientific and the organizing committees and to our volunteers, most of whom belong to the PhD Psychology Program of the ULL.

We have been confident from the beginning of our efforts that the perfect combination of our academic institutions, the established reputation of the ESCoP, the beauty of Tenerife and the excellence of its tourism services will make for a stimulating and productive conference. We really hope that you will agree with us during and after the meeting!

Horacio A. Barber
Chair of the Organizing Committee