

Huntington's disease research news. In plain language. Written by scientists. For the global HD community.

## Coming Soon: EuroBuzz 2012



Coming soon from the Euro-HD Network Meeting in Stockholm: EuroBuzz!

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*Stand by for EuroBuzz - hot-off-the-press Huntington's disease research news from the European HD Network Meeting in Stockholm, brought to you by HDBuzz.*

## EHDN 2012

The European Huntington's Disease Network (**EHDN**) is a Europe-wide collaboration of HD professionals, researchers and people affected by HD. EHDN exists to encourage sharing information and ideas about HD, studies and possible treatments, throughout Europe and beyond

EHDN 2012, in Stockholm, Sweden, is the 7th meeting of the whole Network. It's one of the largest gatherings of HD researchers in the world, and this year's meeting promises to be the biggest and most exciting EHDN conference yet. Nearly a thousand delegates are expected to attend, and over 300 posters and dozens of fascinating and innovative platform talks will be presented - all dedicated to understanding and developing treatments for Huntington's disease.

The meeting kicks off this Friday, 14th September, and runs until Sunday 16th.

## EuroBuzz!

HDBuzz reporters Dr Ed Wild and Dr Jeff Carroll will be bringing you live updates from the meeting, starting at 9am Swedish time (8am BST / 3am EDT) on Friday 14th September. Follow **@hdbuzzfeed** on Twitter to get the live feed. We're calling our coverage **EuroBuzz 2012**.

Each day, all our updates will be brought together at [hdbuzz.net](http://hdbuzz.net) as a single news story.

## But wait - there's more

At the end of each day's science presentations on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September, Ed and Jeff will take to the stage to interview the top scientists who've presented their research at the meeting. We'll be getting the lowdown directly, and helping our guests to steer clear of jargon and science-speak.



Follow **@HDBuzzFeed** on Twitter to get the latest news from EHDN 2012 and join in the discussion

Video of these live sessions will be available shortly afterwards, at [hdbuzz.net](http://hdbuzz.net).

## Get involved

We want you to get involved, by sending us questions to ask our expert guests.

Just follow [@hdbuzzfeed](https://twitter.com/hdbuzzfeed) on Twitter and send us your question as a tweet.

Our confirmed guests so far are:

- Dr Ray Truant: the huntingtin protein and how it causes damage
- Dr Mike Orth: using advanced scanning techniques to detect brain changes before disease onset
- Dr Bev Davidson - gene silencing treatments for Huntington's disease
- Dr Lisa Ellerby - stem cells and how they can help fight HD

Plus we'll be covering the controversial topic of diagnosing 'disease onset' in HD and phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitors, a new and exciting possible approach to treating HD symptoms.

You can also see the program for the whole meeting at the EHDN website, [euro-hd.net](http://euro-hd.net).

We're looking forward to three days of great science, and we hope you'll join us for EuroBuzz 2012!

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## Glossary

**huntingtin protein** The protein produced by the HD gene.

**Phosphodiesterase** a protein that breaks down cyclic-AMP and cyclic-GMP

**gene silencing** An approach to treating HD that uses targeted molecules to tell cells not to produce the harmful huntingtin protein

**stem cells** Cells that can divide into cells of different types

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