**6th European Conference on Symptom Validity Assessment (SVA)**

**ABSTRACTS**

**Preconference workshop**

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Problems and pitfalls in SVT/PVT use: Methodological and conceptual problems

Symptom and performance validity tests (VT) have become indispensable tools for neuropsychologists and clinical psychologists whenever the question of authenticity of symptom presentations is posed. The high number of annual publications has not declined in the last few years. Yet, a number of serious problems continue to haunt the field of validity testing. The workshop was conceived to discuss such problems as:

* the number and placement of VTs within an evaluation
* the correct choice of instruments for standard / special purposes
* insufficient quality / data base of some VTs
* the choice of an optimal cutoff score / the availability of numerous cut scores for some instruments
* the presumed equivalence between performance validity indicators when “counting positives”
* the flood of newly developed embedded performance VTs
* the correct interpretation of VT results
* the classical problem of clinical vs. statistical decision making and its implications for symptom and performance validity assessment
* the distinction between correct and false classification results, both in research and individual decision making
* a questionable practice in forensic contexts (coaching forensic patients)
* the question of how to deal with positive VT results in clinical patients
* the availability of bona-fide patient groups in different contexts
* advantages and pitfalls in analogue design studies
* VT in patients with migration background / test use in non-native speakers
* foreign-language test adaptations