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## Announcement

A meeting with the theme “Adolescence: Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Disorders” sponsored by *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior* is taking place in Morzine, Haute-Savoie, France, January 8 - 14, 2006.

A worldwide group of scientists will focus their presentations around factors related to adolescence as a formative period of continuing brain development. During adolescence neuronal development underlying higher complex cognitive and emotional functions is still in progress. Drug and alcohol use among adolescents is increasing in an alarming way. While pre-morbid mental and emotional disturbances in adolescents can lead to drug abuse, drug taking may also exacerbate such tendencies. Disruption of adolescent brain development and its relationship to adult mental disease as well as vulnerability to deleterious drug effects will be a central focus of this meeting. The forthcoming meeting in Morzine will bring together researchers involved in the neurobiological and psychological causes of disturbed adolescent behaviour that lead to mental disease, drug and alcohol taking, as well as those interested in the consequences of drug abuse on development. The program contains a cornucopia of international researchers.

If you are interested in seeing the program, attending and/or presenting a poster please visit the website <http://www.med.unc.edu/alcohol/morzine06/index.htm>.