



2021 ISBD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ISBD Brainstorming/Debate Session Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE EXTENDED: January 22, 2021*

**All deadlines occur at 5:00 PM Central*

General Requirements for all Submissions

- It is the responsibility of the Chair to keep the schedule approved by the Program Committee.
- Presentations are solely education based. The use of any advertising, trade names, or product-group message association is prohibited; this rule will be strictly enforced.
- All presenters' and co-authors' disclosures must appear on the first slide of the presentation. Slides will be reviewed in the speaker ready room to ensure compliance.
- Once a session is accepted, speaker changes are NOT allowed unless approved by the Program Committee Chairs.
- Speakers are limited to no more than two (2) speaking roles in the Conference (Keynote Lecture, Parallel Symposia and Brainstorming/Debate Sessions).
- Commercial logos (e.g. Company) are not permitted to appear on meeting materials, including presentation slides.
- Speakers and Chairs who have their session accepted will be eligible for a reduced registration fee. Regrettably, no financial assistance can be provided for travel or other expenses. Please note that a Chair can also double as a speaker

Brainstorming/Debate Sessions

- Brainstorming/debate sessions will be presented **LIVE** during the 2021 Annual Conference from May 13-15, 2021.
- This is a 60-minute interactive session. Brainstorming/Debate Session is a 1-hour session that includes 2 speakers and one 1 Chair who can also double as a speaker.
- A Brainstorming/Debate session should be structured to incorporate ample audience discussion/participation, e.g. we strongly encourage a short introduction of a few minutes, two presentations of 15-20 minutes reserving the remainder of the hour for fulsome discussion. Alternatively, it can be organized as a debate and moderated by the Chair.
- An individual **cannot** be listed as a speaker on more than **2 accepted proposals** (Keynote Lecture, Parallel Symposium, Brainstorming/Debate Session). If a speaker is listed on more than 2 accepted proposals, the speaker will need to find a suitable replacement, which can be approved by the Program Chairs.
- ****NEW FOR 2021:** Session Chairs are asked to incorporate “what are the implications?” and “what are next steps?”, and if appropriate, “what are the contentious issues?” into the discussion of the session.

- There is a limit of 250 words for the text of the overall brainstorming/debate session overview.
- Individual abstracts must be submitted in English, are limited to 250 words, and may include section headers for “Aims,” “Methods,” “Results” and “Conclusion” as appropriate to the content. **No figures, tables or references are to be included in the abstract.**

Symposia and Brainstorming/Debate Session Topics

For the 23rd Annual ISBD Conference, we would like to highlight that, in addition to our primary focus on bipolar disorder, we are also accepting proposals that focus on mood disorders more broadly. Topic areas include:

- Basic research:
 - Biomarkers
 - Brain Structure and Function
 - Genetics and Proteomics
 - Physiological, Molecular, Cellular Markers and Models
- Clinical research and/or practice:
 - Assessment
 - Comorbidity with Medical Disorders
 - Comorbidity with Other Psychiatric Disorders
 - Diagnosis and Classification
 - Disability / Cognition / Rehabilitation
 - Integration of Pharmacological, Somatic and Psychological Treatment
 - Prodromes, Early Recognition, and Staging
 - Psychosocial Treatments and Self-Management
 - Quality of Life
 - Stigma
 - Suicide
 - Updates on Treatment Guidelines
- Population Health/Analysis
 - Big Data and Machine Learning
 - Population Health, Epidemiology, Economics
- Special groups
 - Advocacy and Patient Organizations
 - Children and Adolescents
 - Cultural Differences and Its Consequences
 - Gender Related Issues
 - Older Adults (the elderly)
- Hot Topics (i.e. COVID-19)