



2022 ISBD VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The ISBD Experience

Symposia Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE for proposals from Chairs: January 13, 2022*

DEADLINE for individual Presenter Abstracts: January 20, 2022*

DEADLINE for Chairs to review and finalize session: January 24, 2022*

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

Equity Statement: In keeping with the continuing commitment of the ISBD to seek excellence through inclusion the involvement of women, early career professionals, and participants from diverse geographic regions will be given consideration when reviewing the suitability of proposals for the program. However, please note, the primary factor considered in the scientific review process is the *quality of the submitted proposal*.

Important: Read before planning your symposia for the 2022 ISBD Experience

The ISBD Experience is a totally new concept that is based on our insights from the two very successful virtual conferences that we have hosted in 2020 and 2021. Accordingly, it has been designed to challenge conventional notions of what is possible in a virtual meeting. The main objective in designing the exciting and forward-looking format of the *ISBD Experience* is to ensure greater engagement with fresh content and lively discussion and debate throughout.

To ensure good attendance and a broad audience for each component of the program, the ISBD will limit the number of concurrent symposia to a maximum at any time of *two*. Presentations should comprise new material, which has not been presented previously. The nature of these presentations should include thoughtful discourse that grapples with difficult questions and seeks to include multiple perspectives whenever possible. Submissions should highlight how the discussion time will be used to *maximize interaction and exchanges between speakers and with the audience* to further the learning objectives.

General Requirements for all Submissions

- It is the responsibility of the Chair to keep to 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 one of the Program Committee Chairs.
- Speakers are limited to no more than two (2) speaking roles in the Conference (Keynote Lecture, Debate & Symposia).

- Commercial logos (e.g., Company) are not permitted to appear on meeting materials, including presentation slides and conflict of interests should be clearly declared at the outset.
- Speakers and Chairs who have their session accepted will be eligible for a reduced registration fee. Please note that a Chair can also take part as a speaker.

Symposium Sessions

Structure & Timing:

- A Symposium is a moderately formal 1-hour session and includes 3 Presenters and 1 Chair who can also be a speaker.
- All symposia will be presented live, virtually during the conference dates (10-12 June 2022).
- Each Symposium must be structured to incorporate discussion, with a short introduction given by the Chair of three minutes, followed by 3 presentations of 15 minutes. Each 15-minute session should consist of 10 minutes for the actual presentation and allow 5-minutes for Q&A. At the end of the session there should be 5 minutes for concluding remarks from the Chair.
- Important: An individual **cannot** be listed as a speaker on more than **2 accepted proposals** (Keynote Lecture, Debate & Symposia). If a speaker is listed on more than 2 accepted proposals, the speaker will need to seek approval from the Scientific Program Chair(s).

Submission Details:

- There is a limit of 250 words for the text of the overall symposium 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.**
- In addition to providing a brief abstract, presenters will be required to answer the following questions as a part of their submission:
 1. *What is new or novel about your study/research/project? For example, do you have unpublished data or findings that are on the cusp of being published?*
 2. *What is the clinical/research significance of your work? In other words, what are the key/important take home messages? Specifically, what are the implications for clinical practice – real world applications? Or what does your work mean for future research – does it advance understanding, if so, how?*
 3. *Who are your target audience? Clinicians, researchers, consumers, carers? How do you intend to ensure you engage the audience and make your presentation interactive?*
- Submitters will also be asked to provide co-authors (name and affiliations only), a financial disclosure form, and at least 3 keywords for their submission.

Symposia Topics

For the 2022 Annual ISBD Conference, we would like to highlight that, in addition to our primary focus on bipolar disorder, we are also accepting proposals that discuss 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)