



American College of Neuropsychopharmacology



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2017
To: Membership
From: Patricio O'Donnell, M.D., Ph.D., Chair Program Committee
Linda Brady, Ph.D., Co-Chair Program Committee
Re: ACNP Annual Meeting Call for Proposals
December 3 - 7, 2017, Palm Springs, California

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The Program Committee is now requesting proposals for panels, mini-panels, and study groups for the 2017 Annual Meeting. While scientific quality is paramount, this year the committee will continue to strongly consider the composition of the panels that include women, under-represented minorities and early career scientists and clinicians. Also, the committee is encouraging the submission of panels and mini-panels on timely topics that are crucial to our mission. These topics are listed below:

Basic

- 1. Altered excitation-inhibition balance in psychiatry: is it driven by changes in interneurons or pyramidal neurons? Can EEG measures capture this phenomenon? Translational and back-translational approaches.
2. New tools for preclinical research: iPSCs, organoids, genome editing. Strategies to go beyond genetic risk factors to mechanistic models of disorders.

Clinical

- 3. Biomarkers for Neuroinflammation: imaging, biofluids, and peripheral
4. Early intervention and preventive strategies in neuropsychiatry
5. Clinical trials of the future: harnessing the placebo effect. What have we learned from experimental medicine studies?
6. Cognition enhancing devices and tools.

General

- 7. Translational biomarkers for patient selection or stratification in psychiatric disorders: Human connectome – where are we with standardized sequences for functional brain imaging and data aggregation?
8. Translational biomarkers for patient selection or stratification in psychiatric disorders: Quantitative EEG – what have we learned and what is its potential as a biomarker for patient selection?
9. Translational biomarkers for patient selection or stratification in psychiatric disorders: Precision Medicine: how to improve patient stratification?
10. RDOC approaches in drug development and clinical trials

[Click here](#) to see a list of primary and secondary submission categories.

The submission guidelines are available below. Please read these *very carefully* before submitting a proposal. As a reminder, panels will include 1 chair who will present a 10-minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and 4 presenters who will have 35 minutes each, including a 25-minute presentation and a 10-minute discussion period. **THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSANT.** A co-chair is still optional. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

- [Mini-Panel Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Panel Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Study Group Guidelines](#)

All submissions must be submitted through the online submission system. Please [click here](#) to access the submission system.

Reminders/Takeaways from Submission Guidelines:

- Only ACNP members may serve as the chair of a mini-panel, panel, or study group session.
- All participants in a session must commit to attending the meeting and to be available for all meeting days.
- **Very important:** No person can serve more than 2 roles on **submitted** panels/mini-panels with a maximum of 1 speaking role. Note that submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed. Role limits do not include study groups.

Deadlines:

Submission of Overall Proposals by Chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 9th**

Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts (Panel & Mini-Panel)
DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 23rd**

Submission of Disclosures by Study Group Participants:
DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 23rd**

Chairs Review & Finalize Proposed Sessions (Panels, Mini-Panels and Study Groups)
DEADLINE: **Friday, May 26th**

For more information, please contact ACNP at acnp@acnp.org or (615) 324-2360.

Thank you and we look forward to a great program this year!