



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 2019

To: Membership

From: Karen Berman, M.D., President, and Judith Ford, Ph.D., Chair Program Committee

Re: SOBP Annual Meeting Call for Proposals, April 30 – May 2, 2020, New York, NY

2020 Annual Meeting Theme: *Variability: The Good, the Bad, and the Interesting.*

The Program Committee is now requesting proposals for symposia for the 2020 Annual Meeting. While scientific quality is paramount, this year the committee will continue to strongly consider the composition of the symposia that include women, under-represented minorities and early career scientists and clinicians. Also, the committee is encouraging the submission of symposia on timely topics. The field of biological psychiatry is approaching a catalytic period for discovery. The purpose of the 2020 SOBP Annual meeting is to provide an interactive platform for learning and discovery. The meeting program will focus on alternative and transformative frameworks for understanding psychiatric illnesses, and present enhanced and newly emerging tools for measurement and manipulation. Within these frameworks and with these tools, techniques and experimental designs are illustrated that can enhance understanding of psychiatric illness and elucidate the biological pathways and markers of illness processes.

[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, symposia will include 1 chair who will present a 10-minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and 4 presenters who will have 25 minutes each, including a 20-minute presentation and a 5-minute discussion period. A co-chair is optional. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

- [Symposium Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Oral/Poster Submission Guidelines](#)

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

Reminders/Takeaways from Submission Guidelines:

- 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 in more than 2 symposia sessions, regardless of their role in the session. Note that submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

DEADLINES*

**Note the submission deadlines are 2 weeks earlier than typical*

| Panel | Oral/Poster |
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| Chairs to Begin Proposal & Add Presenters DEADLINE: Friday, September 27th Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts DEADLINE: Thursday, October 3rd Chairs Review, Provide Overall Abstract & Finalize Proposed Sessions DEADLINE: Friday, October 4th | DEADLINE: Monday, December 2nd |

For more information, please contact SOBP at sobp@sobp.org or (615) 432-0096.

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