



2020 ISBD Call for Proposals

ISBD Annual Conference 20/20: *Vision for Bipolar Disorder & Depression*

The Program Committee is now requesting proposals for parallel symposia, brainstorming sessions, pre-conference courses, and poster/rapid oral presentations for the 2020 Annual Conference.

The International Society for Bipolar Disorders (ISBD) has long embraced inclusivity in our meetings. Although speakers and programs presented at our past meetings have represented many diverse perspectives, we especially seek inclusive proposals in the following domains in order to achieve a true plurality of viewpoints:

Gender: The Society will consider gender balance when assessing submissions for the 22nd Annual Conference in Chicago. We strongly encourage women to submit proposals and urge all colleagues to consider gender diversity when assembling submissions for ISBD 2020

Early Career Members: In order to support those at an early stage of career development, submissions that include junior colleagues are especially encouraged.

Innovation: Symposia fostering trans-disciplinary and novel approaches especially from outside the traditional mold will be favored. Similarly, presenters from outside the core discipline are encouraged.

Geography: ISBD has over 26 chapters from all over the globe. Proposals that include individuals from multiple ISBD chapters/geographic areas are best positioned to represent our broad constituency.

The quality of the submitted proposal will be the primary factor considered in the scientific review process, however, inclusion as chairs and presenters of women, early career professionals, and participants from diverse geographic regions will enhance the desirability of proposals for the program.

In accordance with the expanded theme of the 22nd Annual ISBD Conference 20/20: *Vision for Bipolar Disorder and Depression*, we would like to highlight that, in addition to our focus on bipolar disorder, we are now also accepting proposals that focus on mood disorders more broadly, including major depressive disorder and other disorders that commonly co-occur with bipolar disorder.

- Advocacy and Patient Organizations
- Assessment
- Children and Adolescents
- Big Data and Machine Learning
- Biomarkers
- Brain Structure and Brain Function
- Comorbidity with Medical Disorders
- Comorbidity with Other Psychiatric Disorders
- Cultural Differences and Its Consequences
- Diagnosis and Classification in the Post DSM V Era
- Disability / Cognition / Rehabilitation
- Fighting Stigma
- Gender Related Issues
- Genetics and Proteomics
- Integration of Pharmacological, Somatic and Psychological Treatment
- Older Adults (the elderly)

- Physiological, Molecular, Cellular Markers and Models
- Population Health, Epidemiology, Economics
- Prodromes, Early Recognition, and Staging
- Psychosocial Treatments and Self-Management
- Quality of Life
- Suicide
- Updates on Treatment Guidelines

The conference also welcomes submissions outside of the specific topics above, so long as they are relevant to bipolar and depressive disorders.

Symposia, Brainstorming Session and Pre-Conference Course Proposal Submission Guidelines and Instructions:

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 5-minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and 3 presenters who will have 20 minutes each, followed by 25 minutes for conclusion/final discussion. Brainstorming Sessions will include 1 chair and 2 presenters and can be structured as 2 formal presentations or organized as a debate. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

- [Symposium Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Brainstorming Session Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Pre-Conference Course Guidelines](#)
- [Poster/Rapid Oral Submission Guidelines](#)

All submissions must be submitted through the online submission system. Please [click here](#) to access the submission system. Please note, ISBD has moved to a new submission system. If you are a current ISBD member, you already have an account in the system and can [reset your password](#).

Deadlines:

Submission of Overall Proposals by Chairs for Symposia, Brainstorming Sessions, & Pre-conference Courses
DEADLINE: **Wednesday, October 9th**

Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts of Symposia, Brainstorming Sessions, & Pre-conference Courses
DEADLINE: **Monday, October 14th**

Chairs Review & Finalize Proposed Sessions for Symposia, Brainstorming Sessions, & Pre-conference Courses
DEADLINE: **Wednesday, October 16th**

Rapid Oral/Poster Abstracts
DEADLINE: **Wednesday, January 15th**