



2021 ISBD ANNUAL CONFERENCE Parallel Symposia 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 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, Parallel Symposia and Brainstorming 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.

Parallel Symposium Sessions

- A Parallel Symposium is a moderately formal 1-hour session and includes 2 or 3 Presenters and 1 Chair who can also double as a speaker.
- Most symposia will be pre-recorded and made available to attendees on demand during the conference. A limited number of symposia will be selected to be presented live during the conference dates (May 13-15, 2021). Please indicate in your submission if you are available for a live presentation. Symposia that are accepted and not presented live will be recorded between March 15- April 15.
- To maintain interactivity in the virtual format, symposia sessions will be recorded with all speakers present, allowing for dynamic discussion between the speakers that is moderated by the Chair at the conclusion of the talks.
- Each Symposium should ideally be structured to incorporate speaker discussion; for example: A short introduction of a few minutes, 2-3 presentations of 15-20 minutes followed by 15 minutes for discussion among presenters and, if live, the audience, and concluding remarks from the Chair.
- ****NEW FOR 2021:** Session Chairs are asked to address the questions: “what are the implications of the findings presented?”; “what are the next steps?”; and, if applicable, “what are the contentious issues?” in their facilitated discussion with presenters at the end of the symposium.

- An individual **cannot** be listed as a speaker on more than **2 accepted proposals** (Keynote Lecture, Parallel Symposium, Brainstorming Session). If a speaker is listed on more than 2 accepted proposals, the speaker will need to find a suitable replacement, approved by the Scientific Program Chairs.
- 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.**

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)