



2022 ISBD VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The ISBD Experience
Poster & New and Trending Oral Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE: March 7, 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* in order to further the learning objectives.

Submission:

- Abstracts must be submitted in English and are limited to 250 words.
- Abstracts must include section headers for “Aims,” “Methods,” “Results” and “Conclusion”. **No figures, tables or references should be included in the Abstract.**
- Submitters will be asked to provide co-authors (name and affiliations only), a financial disclosure for the presenting author only, and indicate if they would like to be considered for an *Oral Presentation* of their work.
- If the submitter indicates that they are interested in an *Oral Presentation*, they will also be asked to address the following question:
 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 For example, do you have unpublished data or findings that are on the cusp of being published?

Presentation Format:

Authors can submit Abstract preferences for Oral or Poster presentation, but please note, the scientific committee retains the final decision as to the presentation format. Accepted Abstracts will be published in the official journal of ISBD, *Bipolar Disorders*, and as an online Abstract Supplement to the ISBD Conference.

New and Trending Oral presentations will be brief, 5-minute presentations that address recent developments in the field, followed immediately by 5-minute discussion. There will be up to 5 presentations per 1-hour session.

Once posters have been accepted, to enhance their appeal and educational value the presenters of each poster will be highly encouraged to submit a voice-over presentation along with their visual poster for the Conference.

*New in 2022: Those who submit a voice-over presentation are *eligible* for a **Live Poster** presentation during the conference. This presentation will be a 3-minute oral presentation with 2 minutes for discussion on the relevance of findings to research/clinical practice.

Poster and New and Trending Oral Session 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 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)