



2022 Virtual ISBD Call for Proposals **The ISBD Experience**

The ISBD Program Committee is now accepting proposals for symposia, conference courses, and poster/rapid oral presentations for the 2022 Virtual Annual Conference.

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. In addition to submitting a brief abstract, you will be required to address how your proposal aligns with the *ISBD Experience* such as what is new or novel about your project.

For a complete list of what you will need to submit for consideration, please review the specific submission type guidelines below.

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)

Submission Guidelines and Instructions:

The submission guidelines are available below. Please read these *very carefully* before submitting a proposal. The guidelines were developed to try to enhance the interactive component and maximize audience engagement in light of the virtual format.

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

All submissions must be submitted through the online submission system. Please [click here](#) to access the submission system. Please note, if you are an ISBD Member or participated in the 2020 or 2021 Conference, you already have an account in the system.

Deadlines:

Submission of Overall Proposals by Chairs for Symposia & Conference Courses
DEADLINE: **Thursday, January 13, 2022**

Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts of Symposia & Conference Courses
DEADLINE: **Thursday, January 20, 2022**

Chairs Review & Finalize Proposed Sessions for Symposia & Conference Courses
DEADLINE: **Monday, January 24, 2022**

Oral/Poster Abstracts
DEADLINE: **Monday, March 7, 2021**