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2012 Call for Abstracts

SPR encourages submission of abstracts describing new research on the interrelationships between the physiological and psychological aspects of behavior. Abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit by peer review. Papers should report original data that will not be published elsewhere prior to the meeting, although presentation at a recent meeting (e.g., within a year) of another society is acceptable. Submissions should cover primarily methods and results, although contributions with a theoretical or methodological emphasis are welcome. Studies for which results are not apparent or which do not include physiological measures are not appropriate and will not be considered for inclusion in the program.

Abstracts that are accepted for presentation will be published in a supplement to the journal *Psychophysiology*.

The program chair, who serves as the editor for the supplement, reserves the right to make editorial corrections to submitted abstracts.

The 2012 Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts will open on Thursday, March 1, 2012. The deadline to submit is Monday, April 9, 2012, at 11:59 P.M. (Pacific Daylight Time).

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts: Submissions must be received electronically and no later than 11:59 P.M. (PDT) on **Monday, April 9, 2012**, to be considered for inclusion in the program. Please review the submission instructions carefully.

All presenters will be expected to register (and pay) to attend the meeting. Notification of acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be e-mailed to the designated corresponding author in late June 2012.

Electronic Submission Browser Requirements: The electronic abstract submission form works best with Mozilla Firefox or Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, as well as newer versions of Apple's Safari internet browsers. Other browsers may have issues with some of the institutional dropdown menus. Please upgrade your internet browser software now. You should also set your browser to allow "cookies," and javascript should be enabled.

Presentation Formats

Each of the following is a presentation format at the SPR Annual Meeting.

Poster Submissions: The majority of papers will be presented during Poster Sessions. If time is available, the Program Chair may select papers for presentation during one or more Paper Sessions. **Please Note: If you are planning to be the presenting author of more than one abstract, you must be available to present each submission in a different poster session.**

Poster submissions for which the first author is of student status (a graduate student or a pre-doctoral research assistant/associate) are eligible for a Student Poster Award and will be presented on Thursday or Friday. If there are a high number of submissions and a Wednesday night poster session is necessary, posters may also be judged on Wednesday, as well. **REMINDER:** Only current student members of SPR are eligible for this award.

All correspondence about your poster submission will be sent to the corresponding author only.

Symposia Submissions: These sessions are designed for the presentation of several papers related to a common area of research. To encourage a synthesis of research, the Program Committee will give highest priority to proposals that reflect interdisciplinary approaches to a topic and represent contributions from multiple laboratories. Inclusion of a junior member is also encouraged. Symposia should have a well-defined focus with all participants addressing the same problem area. If a discussant is included, she/he should be familiar with all of the papers and be prepared to evaluate and integrate the material presented rather than present new data. The time allotted to symposia will be 90 minutes. The number of participants should allow time for the presentations, discussant's remarks, and questions from the audience. The maximum number of supporting abstract submissions is six (one overall abstract and five supporting abstracts). Evaluations of symposia by the program committee will be based on a summary abstract submitted by the organizer(s) and individual abstracts prepared by each participant.

All correspondence about your symposium submission will be sent to the corresponding author only.

Structured Panel Discussions: These 90-minute sessions are designed to stimulate discussion about a particular issue by a panel of investigators working in that area. Examples of topics of past panel discussions include challenges related to specific methodologies, issues concerning funding, the future of psychophysiology, etc. Compared to symposia, they place less emphasis on formal oral presentation and are less data intensive. Instead, the focus should be on structured discussion among the panelists and/or questions from the audience.

The Program Committee will review all symposia and panel discussion submissions. The evaluations will be based on the summary abstract submitted by the organizer(s) and individual abstracts prepared by each participant. A clear integrative focus should be apparent in the summary statement prepared by the organizer(s) and the abstracts of the individual participants. The maximum number of supporting abstract submissions is six (one overall abstract and five supporting abstracts).

All correspondence about your panel discussion submission will be sent to the corresponding author only. All submissions will be considered available for presentation on any day of the meeting.

Topics

Each corresponding author will be asked to select one of the following topics in which his or her abstract submission will be reviewed.

- Aging
- Attention
- Behavioral medicine
- Biofeedback
- Cognition
- Couples/family research
- Emotion/affect
- Ergonomics
- Genetics
- Immunology
- Individual differences
- Infants/children/adolescence
- Intervention research
- Learning/conditioning
- Memory
- Motivation
- Neurological disorders/neuropathology
- Non-human animals
- Pain
- Personality
- Pharmacology
- Psychopathology
- Quantitative specialty
- Sensation/perception
- Sleep
- Social factors
- Speech/language
- Unconscious processes
- Other

Abstract Submission Instructions

SPR uses an electronic process for the submission of abstracts. Submitting authors need internet access and an e-mail address. Electronic submissions must be received by 11:59 P.M. (PDT) on Monday, April 9, to be considered for inclusion in the program.

When preparing an abstract for submission, please carefully follow the instructions below:

1. All abstracts must be prepared in plain text, in English with no embedded symbols or formatting characters. Submissions may not include charts, graphs, tables or references. **Please spell out the symbols (alpha, beta, microns, picomolar, etc.) or translate them (mean, chi square, etc.) in your abstract submission.**
2. Limit the abstract to 1,600 characters in length, including spaces. Abstracts longer than 1,600 characters will not be accepted. The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and **DOES NOT** include the title, authors, and optional funding source information.
3. If accepted, your author-prepared abstract will be published exactly as it appears on your electronic submission. The SPR Program Chair reserves the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract if necessary.
4. The corresponding author must register with the system before submitting abstract information. This is done to separate contact information from content. It also allows submitting of multiple abstracts without having to provide contact information for each one.
You must provide a username and password when registering. This username and password will allow you to submit and edit your abstracts until the deadline of 11:59 P.M. (PDT) on Monday, April 9, 2012. A confirmation email will be sent when you register and also when submitting or updating an abstract.
5. Carefully follow the directions and style on the sample abstract provided with the website instructions:
 - a. Use capital letters for the title of the abstract.
 - b. List all authors first and then list the institution or affiliation.
 - c. Include full first and last names for each author.
 - d. Do not include author degrees.
 - e. Do not include a department or location (i.e., city, country).
 - f. List the affiliation/institution in English (i.e., University of X).
6. If you wish a funding source for your research to appear in the abstract, please include it under the "Optional - Funding Source" box on the submission form. Please **DO NOT** list the funding source in the body of the abstract. **If there is no funding source, please leave this box blank.**
7. A key word index is included in the 2012 Annual Meeting program. Please select one to three descriptors to describe your abstract presentation.
8. Please provide a complete mailing address, including e-mail address, with your submission. The SPR Office will communicate with the corresponding author through the e-mail address that is given at the time of registration. Should this e-mail address change at any time before April 9 you may login to the system and update your information.
9. **Proofread your submission.** If included in the program, the SPR Program Chair reserves the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract if necessary. SPR is not responsible for author errors. Please check the formal name and spelling of your

university; we receive numerous submissions that include the incorrect spelling of university affiliations, especially if a university name includes any special characters. Please double-check the formal spelling of your institution's name.

10. Consider submitting your abstract earlier than the deadline. SPR welcomes early submissions!
11. Each corresponding author will receive an e-mail confirmation from the SPR Office within 24 hours of registration and abstract submission. Abstracts may be edited until 11:59 P.M. (PDT) on April 9, 2012.

If you do not receive an e-mail response within 24 hours, SPR did not receive your abstract. In this case, it is your responsibility to contact the SPR International Office by calling John Hofmann at +1 (608) 443-2472, ext. 150 or e-mailing him at jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com.

Paper or Poster Presentation

For abstracts to be considered for a Paper or Poster please follow these additional instructions:

1. Provide a concise description of your study in narrative form. The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and **DOES NOT** include the title, authors, and optional funding source information.
2. Data presented in the abstract as "work in progress" will not be considered for program inclusion.

Symposia

For abstracts to be considered for a Symposium format please follow these additional instructions:

1. Prepare a summary abstract of the symposium as a whole (less than 1,600 characters, including spaces). The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and **DOES NOT** include the title, authors, and optional funding source information. List the names and affiliations for the symposium chair, each presenter, and the discussant under the title. Provide a concise description of your proposed presentation in narrative form.
2. Prepare 3-4 (maximum of 5) separate abstracts for each paper in the symposium. Adhere to the general abstract guidelines for all individual symposium paper abstracts (e.g., 1,600 character limit, English text, funding information, etc.). Include authors and their affiliations. Please enter individual supporting abstracts in the order of their presentation. Individual abstracts may be added after the summary abstract by selecting the "Add Supporting Abstract" button on the main abstracts web page.
3. The symposium chair will be responsible for corresponding with each presenter. The International Office will send all correspondence to the symposium chair only.

Questions?

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