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Call for Abstracts

The Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) is pleased to announce its call for abstracts for presentation at its 66th annual meeting in **Halifax, Nova Scotia** on **October 14 to 17, 2026**. This year's program features keynote addresses by **Beatriz Luna** (University of Pittsburgh), **Michael J. Frank** (Brown University) and **Wendy Berry Mendes** (Yale University), among what are sure to be other excellent speakers, symposia, and workshops.

We encourage submission of abstracts describing new research on relations between the physiological and psychological aspects of behavior. Abstracts must be written in English and will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit through peer review. Abstracts should report original data that will not be published elsewhere prior to the meeting, although presentation at a recent meeting (e.g., within a year) of another society is acceptable.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 that do not include physiological measures are not appropriate and will not be considered for inclusion in the program.

All presenters will be expected to register and pay to attend the meeting. All correspondence about a given submission will be sent to the submitting author only. If accepted, your author-prepared abstract will be published in a supplement to the society's flagship journal, *Psychophysiology*, as it appears on your submission. The SPR Program Chairs, as Editors of the supplement, reserve the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract, if necessary.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SYSTEM
SPR introduced a new submission system last year. Please review the steps below carefully when creating and submitting your abstract.

Accounts for the system should be made as follows:
a) If you are an SPR member, you will use the same email address and password as that you use to log in to the members-only area of the SPR website.
b) If you are not an SPR member/do not have an account, you should create a new account at the submission site. Click on "Create an account" and follow the prompts.

Submit here

Important Dates (all at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time)

January 22, 2026: Symposia/panel abstract submission system opens.

March 3, 2026: Deadline for symposia/panel submissions.
(Note: We strongly suggest that the symposium Chair add names of individual presenters and that presenters upload their individual abstracts ahead of the deadline for the final submission.)

March 24, 2026: Poster & Big Idea Symposia submission system opens.

April 28, 2026: Deadline for Poster & Big Idea Symposia submissions.

June 3, 2026: Late-breaking Poster submission system opens.

July 1, 2026: Deadline for Late-breaking Poster submissions

Symposia and Structured Panels (90 min)

- **Symposia** are designed for the presentation of several talks related to a common area of research.

- **Structured Panel Discussions** are designed to stimulate discussion about a particular issue by a panel of investigators working in that area. Compared to symposia, they place less emphasis on formal oral presentation and are less data intensive.

- **Diversity:** In addition to scientific excellence, the Program Committee will consider diversity of the symposia and panels. In the submission portal, symposia Chairs will be given a chance to briefly explain how diversity is reflected in their submission. The explanation can address any or all of the following: diversity of the sample or population for the study, range of methods used, representation from multiple laboratories, demographic characteristics of presenters, geographic location of the presenters or research, diversity in rank or career stage, or any other area not listed that you think reflects an important area of diversity for your symposium or SPR.

Format:

- Chair; optional Co-Chair; optional Discussant.

- 3-5 presenters (or 3-4 plus a Discussant).

- When selecting the number of presenters, please be sure to allow time for questions and discussion.

- The Chair should prepare a summary abstract of the symposium as a whole (less than **1,600 characters, including spaces** and not including the title, authors).

- Presenters will submit individual abstracts. No abstract is required for the (optional) Discussant or (optional) Co-Chair.

Chair instructions to enter a symposium/panel proposal

Step 1 - Symposium Chair begins a symposium/panel proposal (For the smoothest submission process, we recommend doing this by Feb. 20, 2026, but all steps are available until the final deadline.)

- Log in to the submission site and create a new symposium.

- Add participants to the proposal.
    - Obtain a commitment from all individuals to participate if the proposal is accepted.
    - Enter the names and email address for each of the presenters (and optionally a Co-Chair and/or Discussant) in the symposium. Please ensure that email addresses are current, as they will be used for all communications throughout the planning of the program.
    - The Chair and Co-Chair may also serve as presenters or Discussant, but the total presenters must not exceed 5 (or maximum of 4 plus a Discussant).

- After the participants have been entered and the proposal saved, each presenter will receive an email instructing them to submit their individual abstract.

Step 2 – Presenters submit abstracts
(For the smoothest submission process, we recommend doing this by March 2, 2026, but all steps are available until the final deadline.)

- Each presenter will receive a separate email with instructions on submitting their abstract.

- If the presenter is invited to participate in multiple sessions, they will receive a unique email and link for each role.

- After an individual abstract is submitted, it can still be edited until at any time before the March 3 deadline.
- Incomplete individual abstracts as of the March 3 deadline will prevent the entire proposal from being forwarded to the Program Committee for review.

Step 3 – Chair finalizes submission – deadline March 3, 2026 11:59 PM Eastern Time

- The Chair should log back into the submission site to monitor the progress of each presenter's abstract submission.
- The Chair should review all the abstracts for content and support of the session and to prevent an entire session from being rejected due to an incomplete abstract within the session. Chairs can review all abstracts that are part of the symposium submission by logging into the submission website, going to their dashboard, and clicking on the submission title.
- The Chair adds an overall summary that describes the integrated themes of the symposium (less than **1,600 characters, including spaces** and not including the title, authors) and a diversity statement as described above.
- The Chair should "finalize and submit" the entire session once all presenters have submitted their abstracts or no later than **March 3, 2026, 11:59 PM Eastern Time**. The proposal can be edited until the submission deadline.

Posters (and Faces of the Future); Late-breaking Posters

- Prepare a summary abstract in a narrative form (less than **1,600 characters, including spaces** and not including the title, authors).
- Poster submissions are limited to 2 first-author submissions per individual. Posters on which the first author is a trainee (i.e., undergraduate or graduate student or a pre-doctoral research assistant) are eligible for a Trainee Poster Award (only those who are SPR trainee members by the Poster/Big Ideas submission deadline will be considered).
- First-author trainees who are current SPR members can opt to have their submission considered for inclusion as a *Faces of the Future* talk. A subset of submissions will be chosen based on scientific merit.
- First-authors for *Late-breaking Posters* must be undergraduate students at the time of submission.
- The submission deadline for **Posters (including Faces of the Future)** is **April 28, 2026, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time**. The deadline for **Late-Breaking Posters** is **July 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time**.

Big Idea Symposia

- Individual abstract submissions (**1,600 characters, including spaces**) must be based on one of three "Big Ideas", which will be announced via email and on the website in early March 2026.
- Accepted abstracts will be grouped together and presented in symposia that will be organized around each of the three Big Ideas.
- Big Ideas come from individuals at all career stages! These symposia allow us to connect people working in similar areas (but who might not know each other well enough to form their own symposia) to offer an engaging series of short presentations on a specific theme. We encourage anyone whose work fits within the Big Ideas themes to submit their individual project abstracts for consideration.
- The submission deadline is **April 28, 2026, 11:59 PM Eastern Time**