

Call for Abstracts for the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society will be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 14-17, 2013. We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Loftus from University of California, Irvine. General information about the meeting, including accommodations, can be found at the following link: <http://www.psychonomic.org/annual-meeting.html>.

Important Note: Everyone except for Canadian citizens will need a valid passport for entry into Canada. If you plan to attend the meeting and do not have a valid passport, now is a good time to apply. In the United States it can take from 4 to 6 weeks to receive a passport, so don't put off your application to the last minute.

This e-letter is an invitation for you to submit an abstract for presentation of a talk or poster at the conference. It is important to note that you will not be receiving a mailed, hard copy of this request for submissions. Further, the submission of abstracts to the Meeting of the Psychonomic Society will be done entirely on-line. The deadline for submission of papers and posters is June 1, 2013. The online submission form is now open. The maximum length for abstracts is 150 words. Your abstract will be truncated at 1250 characters (including spaces) in the abstract submission form. Specific instructions for submitting your abstract can be found below.

Note that the submission of symposia by full members will be done only by e-mail (rmaki@email.arizona.edu), as indicated in the earlier announcement sent to all full members of the Society. The deadline for submission of symposia is **May 1, 2013**.

Please don't hesitate to contact Ruth Maki (rmaki@email.arizona.edu) with any questions.

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT TO THE PSYCHONOMIC SOCIETY

If you wish to submit an abstract to the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, you may access the on-line submission form. The on-line submission form is now open. Abstracts will be accepted only through this submission form. The maximum length for abstracts is 150 words. Your abstract will be truncated at 1250 characters (including spaces) in the abstract submission form.

The submission begins at the registration page. Here one enters the corresponding author information as well as choosing a username and password. You do not need to use your Psychonomics login information; instead you may use whatever username and password you wish. If you submitted an abstract in 2012, your author information is still in the system. Use your 2012 username to access and update it. If you can't remember your User Name, it can be accessed with your e-mail address. The link directly to the corresponding author information is <http://www.psychonomic.org/abstract/register.cfm>. A corresponding author may submit more than one abstract using the same login information. When he/she returns to the program, all submitted abstracts will be available for editing. (But see the rules below limiting the number of abstracts per member allowable.)

Login to the system using your chosen username and password: <http://www.psychonomic.org/abstracts2013/index.cfm>

Upon successful login, you will be directed to the main submission page. Click the next button to begin the submission process. If you are editing a previous submission (partial or complete), a view/edit link will take you to the edit area.

After selecting the "Next" button or the "View/Edit" link, the authors and affiliations page is presented. This has been expanded to eight authors. Enter author information. Please do not use abbreviations for affiliations (e.g., don't use U of M but write out University of Minnesota). The information will appear in the program as you have typed it. Then continue with your submission or save and exit to edit/finish at another time.

Continuing takes you to the submission page. Complete the required fields and once again you can save and exit to edit/finish at another time. Make sure that you answer all relevant questions. The program won't let you continue if there are unanswered questions. These are displayed in red.

Continuing to the final page gives you an overview of your submission and generates the confirmation email message.

All abstracts are editable up until the deadline of June 1, 2013. Please don't submit an abstract twice. Edit the existing one instead.

The submission program allows you to go back and make corrections until the deadline, June 1. When you are satisfied with your submission, press the SUBMIT button. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging that your abstract has been submitted.

The deadline for receipt of completed abstracts is June 1, 2013. The website contains information about the submission process, priorities for inclusion in the program, and who to contact with questions.

Priorities for Submitting Talks and Posters

Each **Full Member** or **Life Member** may author or co-author one paper or poster as the responsible individual. Each **Associate Member** may author or co-author one poster or spoken paper as the responsible individual (but only if there is room on the program for a paper). **In the case of spoken presentations, the member must also be the person who will present the talk.** In the event that an abstract is a poster, the submitter may turn over presenting responsibilities to a co-author.

In addition, each **Full Member or Life Member** may sponsor one submission by someone not affiliated with the Society (a student or a nonmember). The sponsor may be a co-author on the paper or not.

Typically, the number of abstracts submitted to the convention is greater than time and space allow. If not all abstracts can be accepted, the selection of abstracts will be determined by a fixed set of priorities.

For spoken presentations, first priority is given to abstracts submitted by members of the Society. If the number of members submitting talks exceeds the capacity of the convention (i.e., a maximum of 312 talks), priorities are determined by the member's recent history of participation in previous conferences. Those who have given a paper or poster in the preceding year have lower priority than those who have not. If all members can be accommodated in spoken sessions, priority for remaining speaking opportunities is assigned first to associate members, then to non-members holding PhDs, and, in rare cases, to graduate students. In the case of posters, priorities for acceptance depend upon the status of the submitting author. Posters may be submitted by members, associate members, sponsored non-members with the PhD, and sponsored graduate students. We strive to accommodate all posters, but if the number exceeds the available space, the priority for poster opportunities is assigned first to members, then to associate members, then to non-members holding PhDs, and then to graduate students who did present in the preceding year. Unlike spoken presentations, the member submitting a poster abstract is not required to be the actual presenter of the abstract.

We will again use a smaller poster format (4 x 4 ft, 2 per posterboard) to accommodate demand. There are five poster sessions that do not overlap with spoken sessions: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening; and Friday and Saturday noon.

For submissions requiring sponsorship, only Full Members (who have paid their 2013 dues) and Life Members may sponsor, and a given member may sponsor only 1 submission. If the sponsor is NOT a co-author, sponsorship letters for submissions must be sent to Psychonomic Society at lpotchoiba@reesgroupinc.com, and must include "sponsor letter" in the subject line, and submission number, name of sponsored presenter, and title of presentation at the beginning of the message. Letters are not needed if the sponsor is a co-author on the paper.

TOPIC LIST AND KEYWORDS

In order to help us build the program, please select two topics from the predefined list that represent appropriate categories for your submission. In addition, you are asked to indicate up to three keywords that more specifically characterize your submission.

SPECIAL SPOKEN SESSION OPTION

If 4–6 researchers wish to organize a talk session, they may do so. This requires a little advance planning. Specifically, the group must communicate among themselves to organize the session and agree on a topic title for the session. It is best to use a descriptive topic title and not one of our regular topics, i.e., don't use "Working Memory" or "Discourse Processes." Abstracts for talks should be submitted by individual members and should have their own individual abstract titles, but **each individual must use the same topic title (for purposes of identifying abstracts belonging to the same session)**. This gets entered in the special session option under the topic list. It is important to note that all speakers must be full members of the Society in order to exercise this option. Note also that the special section option (#38) may be selected only in the "1st choice for a session topic" pulldown menu.

REQUESTING TO CHAIR A SESSION AT THE CONFERENCE

Full Members who plan to present papers are urged to volunteer to chair a session by checking the appropriate box on the submission form. Full Members who do not wish to make a presentation at the meeting but who would be willing to chair a session are urged to contact Ruth Maki at rmaki@email.arizona.edu. Please specify the topic(s) for sessions you would be willing to chair.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

"Conflicts of interest" arise in science when financial incentives, personal/familial relationships, or other such considerations undermine a scientist's objectivity. For example, if a scientist is a shareholder in a company that sells a treatment for a condition, that scientist would have a conflict of interest (COI) with regard to research on that and closely related conditions and treatments. Having a COI does not preclude presenting your research, but COIs must be declared so that the scientific content of the presentation can be reviewed in light of the COI(s). If you have a COI, please indicate this when asked in the online submission program.

See www.pnas.org/site/misc/coi.shtml for further discussion.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS

1. All spoken papers are 15 minutes in length, followed by a formally scheduled 5-minute discussion period.
2. Please proofread your name, title, and abstract for correctness and completeness. Capitalize the content words in your title. Don't use abbreviations (such as U. of Ca.) in the affiliations. Write out the name of the institution. The information that you enter will appear in the program as you have entered it.
3. The maximum length for abstracts is 150 words. Your abstract will be truncated at 1250 characters (including spaces) in the abstract submission program.
4. The Governing Board of the Psychonomic Society encourages all presenters to follow the Psychonomic Society Statistical Guidelines. Click here to read the [Statistical Guidelines](#). Effect sizes should be reported and error bars with appropriate labels should be included on all graphs.
5. To be considered complete, all information required must be supplied; incomplete forms WILL be rejected.
6. For the spoken sessions, the Society provides laptop computers and video projectors in all rooms for PowerPoint presentations or other computer-generated displays. Note that projection equipment and electrical outlets will not be available in the poster session area.
7. In mid-July, you will be notified by e-mail of the abstract's status for the meeting.
8. The completed submission for a poster or paper must be submitted by June 1, 2013.