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65th Annual ACNP Program

Now, more than ever the ACNP meeting is the prime venue for outstanding research in the broad realm of mental illness, research that is carried out by our basic, translational and clinical investigators spanning the spectrum of career stages and backgrounds.

The ACNP Program Committee is tasked to generate an agenda that reflects the amazing tapestry of ACNP discoveries. Thus, it has been a tremendous privilege to chair the Program Committee for this year's meeting. I am grateful to Deanna Barch, ACNP President, for her confidence and support, and to the incomparable Parthenon team for their expertise, professionalism and stunningly effective management. I am very grateful for the many passionate and engaged Program Committee members for their time, effort and informed opinions: they are vital for the success of our ACNP meeting. And I am especially grateful to you! The process of creating the ACNP program starts with your ideas, your concepts, your efforts, and, finally the excellent proposals you submit.

So, what happened this year in preparation for the January 2027 Annual Meeting?

We received a total of 157 proposals for panels, mini-panels and study groups. We leveraged two recent developments to assess the proposals. First, the revised and refined topic categories that allowed better classification of each proposal. In this context, it is gratifying to note that proposals ranged widely, reflecting the broad repertoire of ACNP constituencies. For examples they ranged from molecular studies to novel devices for therapy, and from schizophrenia to genomics and women's health. The second recent change involves capping the total number of

study groups during the meeting at seven. This year, the committee has continued to receive many excellent proposals, yet accommodating all of them would require lengthening the ACNP meeting. Thus, following discussion, the overall proposal acceptance rate was ~35%. These outstanding panels, mini-panels and study group that you initiated constitute the backbone of the annual meeting.

As customary, the meeting will include the Presidential Symposium, orchestrated by the ACNP president, and several sessions spearheaded by ACNP Council. Aside from these, please anticipate an exciting Hot Topics session and a terrific Data Blitz panel during the early part of the meeting. These are always SRO, so come early.

Finally, another recently enacted session on Promising Targets allows Pharma and clinical trialists to submit applications later in the year, allowing ACNP to be THE forum for presenting the 'hottest' newest results and discoveries in translational and clinical research.

In summary, the Program Committee, encompassing the broad range of ACNP constituencies strives to accomplish the difficult job of choosing among excellent proposals. The whole team, from the ACNP President to Council to Parthenon then works together to refine and coalesce an exciting, broad, engaging and cutting-edge program. I feel privileged to be part of this process, and look forward to seeing you in San Diego.