



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) will be hosting its *Sixth National Conference at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from September 18-20, 2017*. We are inviting abstract submissions related to injury and violence prevention and control science for this dynamic meeting experience.

SAVIR is a professional organization that provides leadership and fosters excellence in the science of preventing and treating injury and violence.

Over the last several decades, injury and violence prevention and control scientists have worked tirelessly to enhance the health and safety of communities across the United States and abroad. Representing a variety of fields, disciplines, and organizations, these professionals work collaboratively each day to decrease the national burden of injuries and violence. From the development and evaluation of prevention and intervention programs, to the training of the next generation of injury and violence prevention scientists, to the large-scale dissemination of evidence-based strategies, injury and violence prevention and control scientists are on the forefront of cutting edge science and continue to introduce new ideas, methods and technologies to keep people healthy and safe.

The theme for the 2017 conference is "Innovations in Injury Prevention Science." During this meeting we will highlight the new and creative ways that scientists are advancing injury and violence research. New data sources, nontraditional partnerships and inventive methodologies are just some of the many examples. Authors are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts relevant to the meeting's theme, but submissions relevant to all areas of injury and violence prevention and control are also welcome. There are a number of different opportunities for presentation including symposium, oral, and poster sessions. All injury and violence prevention scientists are invited to submit abstracts to the general meeting.

New for the 2017 conference is a format geared specifically toward students and early career scientists called, "flash science." This format will challenge authors to present their research in a clear,

concise yet provocative way. As in years prior, students can participate in the Student Paper Competition. In addition, both students and non-students who present at the conference are eligible to receive Outstanding Injury Science Awards (see below for more details).

The following applies for the purposes of conference PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS ONLY - NOT as guidelines for membership categories or registration fees: SAVIR considers students anyone enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program of education or training at an institution of higher education. However, those individuals who are within one year post graduation at the time of the conference are still eligible to present student work as long as the entirety of the work was performed while they were a student. Moreover, "Early Career Scientists" are those individuals who are within 4 years of receiving their degree and are actively engaged in research or programs in the field of violence and injury prevention and control.

Outstanding Injury Science

Top abstracts selected for presentation at the conference will be eligible for outstanding injury science awards. A committee will attend poster and oral presentations at the conference and select one student and one non-student presentation for the award. To qualify for the student presentation award, applicants must be: (1) enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program of education or training at an institution of higher education while the work was performed; (2) the lead author on the work; and (3) presenting at the conference.

All information related to the Call for Abstracts will be available on the SAVIR website at: <http://www.savirweb.org/2017/call>.

Important dates:

- Call for abstracts opens (TBD)
- Registration opens (TBD)
- Outline for symposium due* (Feb 20)
- Call for abstracts closes (Mar 20)
- Original Research and Flash Science abstracts due (Mar 20)
- Authors notified (Mid-Apr)
- Registration closes (TBD)

**symposium organizers will be notified prior to the March 20th deadline*

Abstract Guidelines

The 2017 SAVIR Conference “Call for Abstracts” will open shortly after Christmas and close on Friday, March 20, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST. Symposium abstracts are due by February 20, 2017.

Authors are invited to submit abstracts for consideration focused on research and research-based practice encompassing all aspects of injury and violence prevention. The theme for the 2017 conference is “Innovations in Injury Prevention Science.” During this meeting we focus on this theme and highlighting the new and creative ways that scientists are advancing injury and violence research. Where appropriate, the abstract should note if the work: challenged or shifted current research or public health practice; used innovative approaches, concepts or methodologies, or; resulted in important policy implications.

Submissions are limited to 300 words for Original Research and Flash Science abstracts and 500 words for Symposia. Original Research format options include an oral presentation or poster. Authors are asked to indicate a preferred format. Please note that the SAVIR Conference Planning Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on the format offered for accepted abstracts, and authors will be notified of the final decision.

I. Original Research and Flash Science

- **Poster:** Visual presentations of innovative and current research related to a specific topic, program, and/or intervention. Presenters can illustrate their findings by displaying graphs, photographs, diagrams, and limited text on poster boards. Posters will be presented during a Poster Showcase and will be available for viewing during the duration of the meeting.
- **Oral Presentation:** A brief oral presentation (10-15 minutes) made by an abstract author. Three to four oral presentations will be selected to fill a panel session organized around a specific topic or theme. (Total session time: 1.25 hours)
- The original research abstracts (including data or a resultant paper) must not have been published in a peer-reviewed journal or presented at any other national or international meeting except within 3 months before or after the 2017 SAVIR Conference. Other exceptions may be made where abstracts present new methods, new findings, updated information, or other justified reasons provided by the author(s).
- Abstracts for **Original Research (both poster and oral formats)** should be organized around the following topic headings:
 1. Statement of Purpose
 2. Methods/ Approach
 3. Results
 4. Conclusions
 5. Significance and Contributions to Injury and Violence Prevention Science

- **Flash Science:** Brief (3 minutes – no exceptions!!) oral presentation and a corresponding poster on display during the conference. To be eligible to present in a flash science session you must be a student or early career scientists (within 4 years of receiving your degree). These presentations will enable the audience to review many exciting ideas in a short period of time, and seek out corresponding posters for additional detail.
 - If you are selected for a Flash Science Session, you will need to prepare a 1 slide presentation that you will present during a dedicated time slot AND a standard poster according to the poster guidelines. Your presentation will be 3 minutes in length only!
 - A flash talk provides you with the unique chance to attract the attention of a large number of participants to visit your poster and engage in longer discussion about your work. You are not there to provide the detail required for them to reproduce your work; you're there to inspire them to search out your work.

II. Topic Symposium

- **Topic Symposium:** A session presentation designed to provide attendees with an in-depth discussion and/or interactive experience related to a specific topic or theme. Individual speakers (3-4) should offer unique perspectives on a specific central theme or topic, followed by a moderated, interactive scientific exchange involving the audience. (Total session time: 1.25 hours)
- We are particularly interested in submissions focused on innovations in injury and violence research and panels that bring together varied or sometimes discordant views on a single topic. Collaborations from varied disciplines or research groups/institutions are encouraged.
- The session should have one person designated as the organizer. S/he can be a presenter or just moderate the symposium session. The organizer is the main contact person for the symposium and is responsible for submitting an outline by February 20, 2017 that includes:
 1. The contact name, affiliation/institution name and email address for each of the symposium presenters.
 2. Symposium title
 3. A minimum of 3 learning objectives
 4. Statement of purpose
 5. A brief description of the topic, with a justification of why the proposed topic is novel, highly relevant for discussion and/or advances injury and violence prevention research.
 6. A brief description of how each speaker will offer a unique approach/perspective to the proposed topic.
 7. A brief outline of the proposed format for the presentations and interactive scientific exchange with the audience, including creative means to further engage the audience.

- It is understood that all named speakers will have committed in advance to participate in the symposium if selected.
- The organizer will be notified of acceptance in advance of the close of regular abstract submissions and should notify speakers of acceptance.

Abstracts will be blindly reviewed by multiple reviewers selected by members of the SAVIR Conference Planning Committee.

Abstracts must be submitted free of typographical or other errors. Changes or corrections will not be accepted after the abstract deadline. If English is not your first language or you do not regularly use English, we recommend that you have your abstract reviewed by a native speaker prior to submission.

Abstract Notification and Commitment to Present: Abstract acceptance notifications will be sent by email to the presenting author by mid-April. Symposium notifications will be sent by early March. The presenting author will be asked to accept or decline the invitation to present on behalf of all authors. By accepting, the presenting author agrees to present his or her abstract at the 2017 SAVIR Meeting. The presenting author must register to attend the 2017 SAVIR Meeting by the August 1st 2017 or risk having his or her abstract withdrawn. Presenters are responsible for all expenses related to attending the meeting, including transportation, registration fees, lodging, and meals.

Abstract Submission Form

Please submit your abstract using the online form at:

<http://www.pmswebreg.info/savir2017/openconf.php>.