



2020 ISBD ANNUAL MEETING Parallel Symposia Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE for proposals from chairs: October 9, 2019*

DEADLINE for individual presenter abstracts: October 14, 2019*

DEADLINE for chairs to review and finalize session: October 16, 2019*

**All deadlines occur at 5:00 PM Central*

General Requirements for all Submissions

- It is the responsibility of the chair/moderator to keep the schedule approved by the Program Committee.
- Presentations are solely education based. The use of any advertising, trade names, or product-group message association is prohibited; this rule will be strictly enforced.
- All presenters' and co-authors' disclosures must appear on the first slide of the presentation. Slides will be reviewed in the speaker ready room to ensure compliance.
- Once a session is accepted, speaker changes are NOT allowed unless approved by the Program Committee Chair.
- Speakers are limited to no more than two (2) speaking roles in the Conference (Keynote Lecture, Parallel Symposia and Brainstorming Sessions).
- Commercial logos (e.g. Company) are not permitted to appear on meeting materials, including presentation slides.
- Speakers who have their session accepted will be eligible for a reduced registration fee. Regrettably, no financial assistance can be provided for travel or other expenses. Please note that a chair can also double as a speaker, but chairs who are not speaking in the session are not eligible for the reduced registration fee.

Parallel Symposium Sessions

- A Parallel Symposium is a moderately formal 1.5-hour session and includes three (3) speakers and 1 chair/moderator who can also double as a speaker.
- Each Parallel Symposium should be structured to incorporate audience member discussion, e.g. introduction 5 minutes, three presentations of 20 minutes followed by 25 minutes for conclusion/final discussion.
- An individual **cannot** be listed as a speaker on more than **2 submitted proposals** (Keynote Lecture, Parallel Symposium, Brainstorming Session)
- There is a limit of 250 words for the text of the overall symposium overview.
- Individual abstracts must be submitted in English, are limited to 250 words, and may include section headers for "Aims," "Methods," "Results" and "Conclusion" as appropriate to the content. **No figures, tables or references are to be included in the abstract.**

Symposia and Brainstorming Session Topics

In accordance with expanded theme of the 22nd Annual ISBD Conference: *20/20: Vision for Bipolar Disorder and Depression*, we would like to highlight that, in addition to our focus on bipolar disorder, we are now also accepting proposals that focus on mood disorders more broadly, including major depressive disorder and other disorders that commonly co-occur with bipolar disorder.

- Advocacy and Patient Organizations
- Assessment
- Children and Adolescents
- Big Data and Machine Learning
- Biomarkers
- Brain Structure and Brain Function
- Comorbidity with Medical Disorders
- Comorbidity with Other Psychiatric Disorders
- Cultural Differences and Its Consequences
- Diagnosis and Classification in the Post DSM V Era
- Disability / Cognition / Rehabilitation
- Fighting Stigma
- Gender Related Issues
- Genetics and Proteomics
- Integration of Pharmacological, Somatic and Psychological Treatment
- Older Adults (the elderly)
- Physiological, Molecular, Cellular Markers and Models
- Population Health, Epidemiology, Economics
- Prodromes, Early Recognition, and Staging
- Psychosocial Treatments and Self-Management
- Quality of Life
- Suicide
- Updates on Treatment Guidelines

The conference also welcomes submissions outside of the specific topics above, so long as they are relevant to bipolar and depressive disorders.