A message from Program Chair Michael Everest:

These are exciting times to be a Christian believer and a scientist. Several fields, ranging from the nature of the universe to the nature of the smallest particles, provide opportunities for rich dialogue about the ways in which science and Christianity might contribute to a fuller understanding of God and nature. One area of particular current interest is the nature of and relationships between the body, the mind, and the spirit. The goal of our meeting this year is to explore recent discoveries in neuroscience, psychology, and the physical sciences that may have implications on what it means to live as beings with bodies and minds.

We will also celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the American Scientific Affiliation by reflecting on the contributions our organization has made to the science-faith dialogue over the past three-quarters of a century.

**Topical Areas for Parallel Oral Sessions:**

- **Christian Women in Science and Engineering**
- **75th Anniversary of the ASA**: Sessions will focus on each of the three 25-year periods
- **Physical Sciences**: Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Astronomy
- **Life and Environmental Sciences**: Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Meteorology, Bioethics
- **Mind Sciences**: Artificial Intelligence, Psychology, Neuroscience, Psychiatry
- **Appropriate Technology and Stewardship**: Technology in Service to the Poor, Creation Care
- **Teaching Faith and Science**: Faith and Science in the Classroom and at Church
- **Other Topics**

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** **February 29, 2016**
** REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, AND DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS **

1. All abstracts must be 50–250 words.
2. Each abstract must emphasize what your oral presentation offers that is new and important for the topic chosen. The abstracts will be considered if they fit within the overall theme of the conference and if they can be otherwise accommodated within the limits of the conference. Provide sufficient detail to be informative, but use language that will be intelligible to a nonspecialist or a scientist from outside your field.
3. Authors may submit only one abstract for which they are the primary author. Additional abstracts listing individuals as secondary coauthors may also be submitted.
4. Please note: Abstracts should be based on work in your area of disciplinary expertise. Where this is not obvious, you may be asked to provide suitable documentation. Exceptions to this policy may be made for abstracts demonstrating exceptional originality and scholarship outside your field of expertise.
5. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion.
6. All presenters must register for the meeting no later than Monday, May 30, 2016.
7. All abstracts must be submitted online using the Call for Abstracts form. Please select the appropriate topical area.
8. Upload your abstract as a Word or rich text format file. Please begin your abstract with the title and name of author(s) and save it with the filename, ASA2016YourLastName.
9. Deadline: All abstracts must be submitted on or before February 29, 2016.
10. Contact Program Chair Michael Everest, meverest@westmont.edu, if you have any questions.

** PREMEETING ACTIVITIES **

We anticipate offering both an introductory and an advanced workshop on issues in science and faith. We are also planning optional field trips that will feature natural, cultural, and scientific destinations in Southern California.

** UNIQUE ACTIVITIES **

We are excited to offer some great opportunities for newly expanded exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities. This meeting will also highlight the 75th anniversary of the ASA with a special appreciation dinner, a symposium on the history of the ASA, special guest appearances from our longest-standing members, and a commemorative keepsake.

** SCHOLARSHIPS **

We invite early career scientists (post docs or those within the first three years of receiving your latest degree) and graduate and undergraduate students to participate in the ASA Annual Meeting, July 22–25, 2016, on the campus of Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, CA.

A number of members have graciously provided funding for a limited number of scholarships. Scholarships are available to early career and student ASA members on a first-come, first-served basis to those who submit an abstract for an oral presentation and who attend the whole meeting. These scholarships will cover on-campus housing (double occupancy) and meals at the conference. The deadline for submitting your proposed abstract is February 29, 2016.

This meeting provides an opportunity to meet professionals in your field who share your Christian faith; to hear prominent plenary speakers; to participate in the oral sessions; to give an oral presentation yourself; to network and fellowship with other Christians from a wide variety of colleges, universities, and research institutions; and to explore how to integrate your faith with your discipline. The ASA Annual Meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for you to share your research with Christian colleagues. Your oral presentation can be listed on your résumé as being presented at a professional meeting; it can strengthen your applications for further training, grants, or career advancement.

** HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP **

- If you are already a Student member, the registration costs are waived. To apply for a scholarship covering room and board, complete the online scholarship application.
- If you are not a Student member, you need to complete the online ASA membership application by going to Membership → Join ASA. Then apply for a room-and-board scholarship as noted in the first bullet.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, contact Marty Herdrich at marty@asa3.org.