The Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) is pleased to announce its call for submission of abstracts to be considered for presentation at its Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada on October 7-11, 2020. This year’s program features keynote addresses by Drs. Roshan Cools, John Foxe, and David Amodio. It will also feature pre-conference workshops on ERP methodology, digital signal processing, and statistical power analyses (stay tuned for more details!). Don’t miss the Presidential Symposium on Developmental Psychophysiology, which will feature a line-up of leading scientists in the field.

Also, we will be featuring three “Big Ideas” symposia: (1) Psychophysiology & Health (spanning physical and mental health), (2) Psychophysiology across the Lifespan (spanning early development to aging), and (3) Interpersonal Psychophysiology (including social psychophysiology and research on dyads/groups). For these Big Ideas symposia, presenters should submit individual talks that fit within one of these three broad themes. The Program Committee will make final decisions in composing these events. We encourage ALL members to consider whether their work is relevant to one of the Big Ideas symposia!

We encourage submission of abstracts describing new research on the interrelationships between the physiological and psychological aspects of behavior. Abstracts must be written in understandable English and will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit by peer review. Abstracts should report original data and preference will be given towards research in progress (i.e., not previously published).

Submissions should cover primarily methods and results, although contributions with a theoretical or methodological emphasis are welcome. Studies for which results are not apparent or which do not include physiological measures are not appropriate and will not be considered for inclusion in the program.

Submissions of proposals for symposia and structured panel discussions must be received electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Submissions of poster abstracts must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on Friday, April 10, 2020.

Submissions of poster abstracts by undergraduate students must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on Monday, June 1, 2020.

Notification of acceptance or rejection for symposia and panel discussion submissions will be emailed to the designated corresponding author by April 1, 2020. If a symposium is rejected, authors are encouraged to re-submit their individual abstracts for a poster presentation by the deadline of April 10, 2020.

Notification of acceptance or rejection for poster submissions will be sent to the corresponding authors late-May 2020.

All presenters will be expected to register (and pay) to attend the meeting. All correspondence about a given submission will be sent to the submitting author only.

If accepted, your author-prepared abstract will be published in a supplement to the journal, *Psychophysiology*, as it appears on your electronic submission. The SPR Program Chair, as Editor of the supplement, reserves the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract, if necessary. The supplement to *Psychophysiology* will be published on the SPR website.

**Presentation Formats**

Each of the following is a presentation format at the SPR Annual Meeting.

**Symposia Submissions:**

Symposia are designed for the presentation of several talks related to a common area of research. In addition to scientific excellence, the Program Committee will strongly consider diversity of the panels—including representation of diverse methods, laboratories, and people. We will give highest priority to proposals that reflect interdisciplinary approaches to a topic and represent contributions from multiple laboratories. Inclusion of senior members, as well as a junior member is also encouraged. In addition, the Program Committee will strongly consider appropriate representation of women and underrepresented minorities in the composition of the panels when selecting symposia. If necessary, the committee will be happy to work with the organizer to suggest additional presenters within a similar content area to ensure the diversity of the scientific program and participants.

Symposia should have a well-defined focus with all participants addressing the same problem area. If a discussant is included, they should be familiar with all of the papers and be prepared to evaluate
and integrate the material presented rather than present new data. The time allotted to symposia will be 90 minutes. Symposium organizers should ensure that the number of participants allows time for the presentations, discussant’s remarks, and questions from the audience.

Prepare a summary abstract of the symposium as a whole (less than 1,600 characters, including spaces). The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and DOES NOT include the title, authors, and optional funding source information. Provide a concise description of your proposed presentation in narrative form. (If the submitting author is also an author on the abstract, please be sure to include their name and contact information in the list of authors.)

The submitting author will be responsible for corresponding with each presenter. The SPR Office will send all correspondence to the submitting author only.

Evaluation of symposia by the Program Committee will be based on a summary abstract and individual abstracts prepared by each participant. The maximum number of abstracts that may be submitted for a symposium is six (one overall abstract and a maximum of five supporting abstracts). Symposia including five presenters should be particularly attentive to ensuring there is still sufficient time for discussion.

**Structured Panel Discussions:**
These 90-minute sessions are designed to stimulate discussion about a particular issue by a panel of investigators working in that area. Examples of topics of past panel discussions include challenges related to specific methodologies, issues concerning funding, conducting psychophysiological research in predominantly undergraduate institutions, the future of psychophysiology, etc. Compared to symposia, they place less emphasis on formal oral presentation and are less data intensive. Instead, the focus should be on structured discussion among the panelists and/or questions from the audience.

Prepare a summary abstract of the panel discussion as a whole (less than 1,600 characters, including spaces). The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and DOES NOT include the title, authors, and optional funding source information. Provide a concise description of your proposed presentation in narrative form. (If the submitting author is also an author on the abstract, please be sure to include their name and contact information in the list of authors.)

The submitting author will be responsible for corresponding with each presenter. The SPR Office will send all correspondence to the submitting author only.

The Program Committee will review all panel discussion submissions. The evaluations will be based on the summary abstract and individual abstracts prepared by each participant. A clear integrative focus should be apparent in the summary statement and the abstracts of the individual participants. The maximum number of abstracts that may be submitted for a panel discussion is six (one overall abstract and a maximum of five supporting abstracts).

**Big Idea Submissions:**
SPR is continuing the initiative in which individual presenters are invited to submit single talks relevant to a particular “Big Idea” in our field. The Program Committee will select a subset of these submissions for inclusion (4-6 presenters for each topic) to maximize breadth of theoretical perspectives, methods; measurement approaches, and diversity of presenters, as well as maintaining some coherence around the Big Idea.

The Big Ideas are:
1) Psychophysiology and Health
2) Psychophysiology Across the Lifespan
3) Interpersonal Psychophysiology

Refer to the poster submissions below for information about the formatting of your abstract submission.

**Poster Submissions:**
The majority of submissions will be presented during the poster sessions. Poster submissions are limited to two (2) First Author submissions per individual. Poster submissions for which the first author is a student (a graduate student, undergraduate student, or a pre-doctoral research assistant/associate) are eligible for a Student Poster Award (if submitting their poster by June 1, 2020). Only current SPR student members are eligible for this award. Judging for Student Poster Awards will take place at all poster sessions, and awards will be presented during the Business Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday.

Provide a concise description of your study in narrative form. The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and DOES NOT include the title, authors, and optional funding source information. Data presented in the abstract as “work in progress” will not be considered for program inclusion.

Please note: If you are planning to be the presenting author of more than one abstract, you must be available to present each submission in a different poster session, if needed. All submissions will be considered available for presentation on any day of the meeting.

**Topics**
Each submitting author will be asked to select one of the following topics in which his or her abstract submission will be reviewed.

Aging
Attention
Behavioral medicine
Biofeedback
Cognitive control/ executive functions
Couples/family research
Decision making
Emotion/affect
Ergonomics
Genetics
Immunology
Individual differences
Infants/children/adolescents
Intervention research
Learning/conditioning

Memory
Motivation
Neurological disorders/
neuropathology
Non-human animals
Pain
Personality
Pharmacology
Psychopathology
Quantitative specialty
Sensation/perception
Sleep
Social factors
Speech/language
Unconscious processes
Other

**Questions?**
Should you have questions about your submission, please contact:

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