

CORRECT MEETING DATES:

On a card mailed out I indicated the wrong meeting dates. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Study Group, various satellites and the RSA Opening Reception will be on Saturday, JULY 7, the meeting will end with the Banquet on Wednesday, JULY 11, with a possibility of satellites on JULY 12. The Lecture Series will not take place during the RSA 2007 Meeting.

30TH ANNUAL RSA SCIENTIFIC MEETING**CALL FOR SYMPOSIA/ABSTRACT PROPOSALS
and
IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION**

TO: RSA Members (and past meeting registrants)

FROM: Mary Larimer and Dorit Ron
Co-Chairs, RSA 2007 Program Committee

The 30th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) Scientific Meeting will be held from JULY 7-12 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois. The primary goal of the meeting is to provide a forum for alcohol researchers – from all disciplines – to present their latest findings and to learn about new research developments in an environment that will promote interaction at both the professional and personal level.

The Program Committee has begun the process of inviting plenary speakers, and developing the program content. The program will include plenary lectures, symposia, workshops, roundtable discussions, paper sessions and poster sessions. The RSA 2007 Program Committee consists of co-chairs (Mary Larimer and Dorit Ron); members (Raymond Anton, Nancy Barnett, Selena Bartlett, Cynthia Bearer, Sue Bergeson, Joyce Besheer, Kathy Bucholz, Kari Buck, Dena Davidson, Joel Grube, Elizabeth Kovacs, Christine Lee, Doug Matthews, Graeme Mason, Dayne Mayfield, Michael Miles, Laura Nagy, Clayton Neighbors, Foster Olive, Tibor Palfai, Subhash Pandey, Amanda Roberts, Richard Saitz, Robert Saltz, Rajita Sinha, Rob Turrisi, Fernando Valenzuela and Mark Wood) from a wide range of scientific specialties. The Program Committee aims to develop a well-balanced program that adequately represents the broad range of interests of the RSA membership. To that end, it is important to note that the topics represented and the balance achieved in the overall conference program largely rests upon RSA members. The Program Committee would like to strongly encourage both junior and senior members to submit proposals.

The Program Committee invites RSA members (and non-members) to submit proposals for symposia, roundtables and workshops (see descriptions

of format below). We would like to see proposals covering new or developing areas of research in addition to the "classical" topics. As in past years, we strongly encourage proposals that bridge preclinical and clinical research that would attract society members with different interests. The Committee urges organizers of sessions to include participants (including junior investigators) from different institutions in order to provide diverse viewpoints. The Committee welcomes inclusion of non-RSA member speakers.

Please see the individual forms (on this website) for details regarding the preparation of program proposals and abstracts for poster sessions. **The deadline for receipt of program proposals is December 8, 2006. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is January 12, 2007.** Those individuals or organizations interested in organizing a Satellite Meeting are required to present their proposals to the Program Committee (see the Satellite Meeting Form).

Specific information and guidelines for developing program proposals and submitting abstracts include:

> Note that RSA **does not** support travel or registration expenses for invited speakers in Symposia, Workshops and Roundtables. It is imperative that speakers are informed that they will be required to register for the meeting. Invited speakers will have two options - 1) register for the entire meeting at the member's rate or 2) register for the day of their talk (at the daily rate - \$100).

> Symposia submissions must be accompanied by an overall abstract that describes the theme of the symposia **AND** individual abstracts for each speaker using the individual abstract form. **Individual abstracts submitted as part of a proposal must be a complete abstract (must include data) and must be submitted online. Individual abstracts that are part of a proposal are also due by December 8, 2006.**

>NEW Industry Sponsorship (for-profit corporation or a foundation of a for-profit corporation) of **SYMPOSIA or ABSTRACTS** will not be permitted. Other sponsorships need to be indicated on the proposal/abstract form.

> Note that oral presentations are limited to one per person. Therefore, when inviting your speakers please confirm that they **have not already been invited to speak** in another symposium, workshop or roundtable. No one person should be listed on more than one PROPOSED symposium/workshop/roundtable. Presenting an introduction or being a discussant does not count as an oral presentation. **The introduction and discussion should be an overview of the presentations – not a separate presentation.**

> Non-RSA members may submit program proposals and abstracts, but an RSA member must sponsor each abstract.

> All oral presentations need to be powerpoint – the Organizer and/or Chair of each session will be required to bring a computer and to have all of the presentations on one computer.

> On the abstract form there is a question asking whether or not you want your abstract to be considered for a Paper Session. In addition to the Poster Sessions, a **few** abstracts will be selected for Paper Sessions - the author will be asked to make a 12-minute oral presentation of their research (includes time for questions). **Slides should be limited to 3**. The intent of the paper sessions is to encourage broader participation of members in the meeting (**especially junior investigators, who will be given priority**). The content will be driven by multidisciplinary approaches to timely research issues in the alcohol field. **THOSE SELECTED WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATION THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY ON THE SAME DAY.**

> Poster presenters are required to register for the meeting. If the designated presenter will not be available, the principal author needs to locate a replacement to present the poster.

>NEW All abstracts must be submitted online. If this is not possible contact the RSA Office for specific instructions.

> Authors **must** categorize their program proposals and abstracts using the Abstract Category List. This will help the Program Committee organize the sessions. Enter the number and letter of the most pertinent category in the space provided on the submission forms.

> Review criteria for abstracts include possible rejection. Be sure to follow all instructions. Abstracts should be well written, contain alcohol research data and should include a statement about the conclusion reached.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact the RSA Office at 512-454-0022 or [debbyrsa@sbcglobal.net.com](mailto:debbyrsa@sbcglobal.net).

We look forward to receiving your program proposals and abstracts.