

2007 RSA Scientific Meeting

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROGRAM PROPOSALS / SYMPOSIA ABSTRACTS:

Q. Do individual abstracts need to be submitted if you are a proposed speaker in a Symposium, Workshop or Roundtable?

A. Yes, individual abstracts are a required part of the symposia/workshop proposal - they should be submitted together with the overall symposia/workshop proposal (by the organizer) or online (be sure to indicate that the abstract is part of a program proposal). If your symposium is not accepted, your individual abstract will be processed as a poster presentation if so indicated on your abstract form. Do not pay the \$33 publication/handling fee unless invoiced (proposed oral presentation speakers only).

Q. When are individual abstracts that are part of a symposia proposal due?

A. At the same time as the proposal - December 8, 2006.

INDIVIDUAL ABSTRACTS:

Q. Are individual abstract submissions for Poster or Paper presentation?

A. Abstract submissions are for Poster presentations - 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 three (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.**

Q. What if my abstract does not fit into any of the listed abstract categories?

A. Select the category that best fits your abstract - do not leave blank. The current list won't be changed this year, but please send your suggestions for future consideration.

The primary purpose of the categories is to help us in assigning reviewers and to group posters at the meeting. It is not meant to be all inclusive of various research sub-categories.

Q. Can I submit my abstract in more than one format?

A. No, all abstracts must be submitted online - if not possible contact the RSA Office for specific instructions. Submit your abstract in time for the RSA Office to RECEIVE your abstract by January 12, 2007.

Q. Can my abstract be longer than the space allotted?

A. No, this is the space allowed by the journal publisher.

Q. When will I know if my abstract is accepted?

A. Abstract acceptance letters will be mailed by the first week of April or sooner. Very few abstracts are rejected therefore you can assume your abstract is accepted unless you are contacted by March 1, 2007.

Q. If I wish to revise my abstract or withdraw my abstract - what is the deadline?

A. The deadline for revising or withdrawing abstracts is March 1, 2007 (again assume your abstract has been accepted). Revisions to or withdrawal of an abstract must be in writing (e-mail or snail mail). You will be able to revise your abstract online up until January 20, after that time you will need to contact the RSA office.

REGISTRATION / LODGING:

Q. When will registration/lodging materials be posted on the RSA website?

A. Early March, 2007.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:

Q. Will continuing education credits/hours be available?

A. Yes, CMEs for Physicians, CEUs for Psychologists and CECs for Social Workers will be available. Applying for credits and following the requirements for receiving credits is the sole responsibility of the registrant. Requirements will be posted at the registration desk and in the final program. Due to fees that RSA will be required to pay, there will be a minimal charge (\$25) for those registrants who apply for credits - the fee will be higher (approx. \$75) for physician credits, the amount depends on the administrative fee charged by the accrediting body. Additional information about credits will be posted in early May, 2007.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

DATES & HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: RSA 2007 will convene on Saturday, July 7 to Thursday, July 12 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on the Riverwalk (151 E. Wacker Drive). Rooms at RSA's special rates can be booked commencing in early March when the RSA Lodging Reservation Form will be available on line as part of the registration packet.

AIRPORT: Chicago is a convenient travel destination, serviced by two airports, O'Hare and Midway, the latter sometimes the more convenient. O'Hare Airport is about 30 miles from the Hyatt - depending on the time of day, travel time is 35 to 50 minutes. Midway Airport is about 20 miles from the Hyatt - about 25-35 minutes.

WEATHER: Summer temperatures can be hot and humid, the average daytime temperature in July being 24°C (84°F). Evening temperatures average 19°C (66°F).

DRESS: Business casual - you'll be most comfortable if you layer your clothing. Early mornings, evenings, and nights may be cool enough for a sweater, but daytime temperatures could be hot and humid. Keep in mind that meeting room temperatures will vary - bring a sweater or light jacket.

WEB-SITES:

General information about Chicago:
www.ci.chi.il.us

Chicago's Visitors Bureau
www.choosechicago.com

**For unanswered questions please contact the RSA Office at:
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