



34th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting

CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS and ABSTRACTS and IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

The 2011 RSA Annual Scientific Conference will be held June 25-29 in Atlanta, Georgia. 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 RSA Meeting will begin with the Opening Reception the evening of June 25 and end with the Closing Ceremony on June 29. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Study Group and satellite meetings will be held June 25.

The 2011 Program Committee, co-chaired by Barbara Mason, Fernando Valenzuela and Helene White, met during the 2010 RSA meeting to discuss program content and scheduling. The program will include plenary lectures, symposia, workshops, roundtable discussions, paper sessions and poster sessions. The [Program Committee](#), whose members represent a wide range of scientific specialties, 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 proposals submitted. **The Program Committee strongly encourages both junior and senior researchers to submit proposals and that junior researchers be included as speakers.**

The Program Committee invites RSA members (and non-members) to submit proposals for symposia, roundtables and workshops (see descriptions of formats on the proposal form). 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. While it is not mandated that all symposia be integrative, symposia that do provide connections across approaches and levels of analysis will be given somewhat higher priority during the selection process.** 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-member speakers (they will be required to register for the meeting, but at the member rate).

Please see the individual forms for details regarding the preparation of program proposals and abstracts for poster sessions. **The deadline for receipt of program proposals and speakers' abstracts is December 6, 2010. The deadline for receipt of individual (poster) abstracts is January 10, 2011.** 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).

General information for developing program proposals and submitting abstracts, detailed information available on the individual forms:

- > Note that RSA **does not** support travel or registration expenses for invited speakers. It is important that you inform your speakers that they will be required to register for the meeting and make their own travel arrangements. All invited speakers will have two options - 1) register for the entire meeting at the member's rate or 2) if attending for only the day of their talk, register at the daily speaker rate - \$100.
- > Symposia/Workshop submissions must be accompanied by an overall abstract (6600 characters, including spaces) that describes the theme of the symposia **AND** abstracts for each speaker using the SPEAKER abstract form. **SPEAKER abstracts submitted as part of a proposal must be a complete abstract (must include data) and must be submitted online. Speaker abstracts are due at the same time as proposals - December 6, 2010.**
- > 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.
- > **NUMBER OF SPEAKERS:** Symposia consist of an introduction, 4 speakers and a discussant. Workshops consist of 3 to 4 speakers, with an introduction and discussion period. Roundtables should have a moderator and up to 6 participants (Speaker abstracts are not required for Roundtables).
- > **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. **If someone is listed as a speaker on more than one (1) proposal a replacement speaker will be requested PRIOR to review.** Presenting an introduction or being a discussant does not count as an oral presentation; however this is also limited to one per person (i.e., Dr. Jones can present an oral presentation in one session and be an introducer and/or discussant in one session. If not giving a talk you can be an introducer and/or discussant in two sessions). 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 speaker or individual 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. PowerPoint Presentation Guidelines are available at:
<http://www.crocker.k12.mo.us/tech/pptrules.htm>

> 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. Additionally, proposals will be grouped into themes – biological, medical/clinical and psychosocial.

> On the individual (poster) 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 and depending on the number of accepted proposals, a **few** abstracts will be selected for Paper Sessions. 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 BOTH 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.

> Individual (poster) abstracts are limited to two (2) per first or presenting author. This does not limit the number of abstracts per lab.

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

> 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 or comments please contact the RSA Office at 512-454-0022 or debbyrsa@sbcglobal.net

We look forward to receiving your program proposals and abstracts.