



34th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting

GENERAL INFORMATION And FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DATES & HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: RSA 2011 will convene on Saturday, June 25 thru Wednesday, June 29 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Rooms at the Hyatt's special conference rates can be booked beginning in early March using the RSA Lodging Reservation Form – which will be available online March 9 as part of the registration packet. Overflow hotel information will also be available in March.

ATLANTA: Situated in the vibrant downtown district, step right outside of the hotel's doors for a fascinating look at Atlanta's rich culture and history on world-famous Peachtree Street. Stroll to historic sites, cultural attractions, world-class shopping and fine dining. Enjoy easy access to downtown, entertainment and business centers; **a 15-minute drive to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**, and an indoor connection to the Peachtree Center Station of the MARTA public rail system. Some of the nearby downtown attractions include: Georgia Aquarium, Georgia Dome, Peachtree Center Mall, Georgia World Congress Center, AmericasMart, CNN Center, Fox Theater, Atlanta Civic Center, High Museum of Art, Underground Atlanta, Turner Field and Philips Arena.

There many ways to get from the airport to downtown. The Ground Transportation Center (GTC – 404-530-4249 or 404-530-6674) houses all Ground Transportation Services including buses, taxis, shuttles (shared-ride, car rental, off-site airport parking), limousines / sedans and City Trains/MARTA. Transportation services are also available for persons with disabilities. <http://www.atlanta-airport.com/GroundTransportation/>

WEATHER: The average temperatures in June are a high of 88 and a low of 69. Keep in mind that although outside will be humid, the indoor temperatures of the hotel meeting rooms are usually cold to some and hot to others – layering of clothes is suggested.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROGRAM PROPOSALS / SYMPOSIA ABSTRACTS:

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

A. Yes, speaker abstracts (no fee) are a required part of the symposia/ workshop proposal (roundtables – optional) - they should be submitted online using the Speaker Abstract form (be sure to indicate the name of the organizer). If the symposium is not accepted, your abstract will be processed as a poster presentation if so indicated on the abstract form. You will be billed the \$33 publication/processing fee at that time.

Q. When are abstracts (SPEAKER) that are part of a symposia proposal due?

A. At the same time as the proposal – December 6, 2010.

Q. Is there a limit to how many presentations a person can present?

A. Yes, **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.

INDIVIDUAL (POSTER) ABSTRACTS:

Q. When are individual abstracts for POSTER presentations due?

A. January 10, 2011.

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

A. Abstract submissions are for Poster presentations, however, on the abstract form there is a question asking whether or not you want the abstract to be considered for presentation in 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 highlight specific topics and 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.**

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

A. Select the category (both number and letter) 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. How many abstracts can one person submit?

A. Abstracts will be limited to two (2) per principal (first) author.

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.

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. You can assume your abstract is accepted unless you have heard otherwise by March 1, 2011.

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, 2011 (again assume your abstract has been accepted). Revisions to or withdrawal of an abstract must be made in writing. You will be able to revise your own abstract online up until January 21, after that time you will need to contact the RSA office.

REGISTRATION / LODGING:

Q. When will registration/lodging materials be posted?

A. By March 9, 2011.

Q. What are the registration fees and lodging rates?

A. These rates are listed on the Registration/Lodging menu item on the meeting site.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:

Q. Will continuing education credits/hours be available?

A. Yes, 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 online (March 9), at the registration desk and in the final program. Unfortunately, CMEs (Physicians) will not be offered this year – the current accreditation requirements and high fees make applying for them impractical and too costly for the approximately 50 applicants each year. We will continue to work towards offering CMEs in the future.

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