

SPR 14th Annual Meeting Abstract Submissions

AUTHOR INSTRUCTIONS

Abstracts to SPR should focus on the theme of the SPR Annual Meeting and the mission of SPR and may consist of reports of empirical findings, discussions of theoretical, conceptual or methodological issues, and presentations of innovative work in the field of prevention science. Research conducted at all phases of the prevention research cycle are welcomed, including studies of epidemiology, etiology, preventive intervention trials, demonstration projects, policy research, natural experiments, program evaluations, clinical trials, prevention-related basic research, pre-intervention studies, efficacy and effectiveness trials, population trials, and studies of the diffusion/dissemination of science-based prevention.

Researchers, practitioners, and advocates within all content areas of public health, education, human services, criminal justice, and medical science that focus on preventive behavioral interventions, prophylactics, or health policy strategies are welcome to submit on relevant topics, including, but not limited to health promotion, maternal health, infant and child health, mental health/mental disorders, family conflict, substance abuse and addiction (alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs), violence, delinquency, crime, academic failure, dropping-out of school, cardiovascular disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted disease, unintended pregnancy, unemployment, occupation safety, auto accidents, unintended injury, poverty, welfare, and managed care.

Further, SPR strongly encourages submissions by early career prevention scientists, including graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and researchers who have recently begun to work independently.

One of SPR's missions is to facilitate the development of more junior prevention scientists. We encourage senior researchers to collaborate with early career researchers and submit linked abstracts for presentations on specific themes or individual projects. These need not be limited to organized paper or poster forum presentations.

Given the limited time and rooms for oral presentations, we are especially interested in organized paper symposia and poster forums that include authors from a variety of research groups and from more than one project. The Program Committee also encourages organized paper symposia and poster forums consisting of several authors from single research studies, such as multi-site and/or longitudinal studies.

We are continuing to accept submissions for organized poster symposia which was a new format introduced at the 2004 annual meeting. The organized poster forum combines the individual interactions of a poster presentation and the extended group discussion opportunities of an organized symposium.

We encourage authors to consider submitting an individual poster presentation. We seek broad participation in the conference, and many individual poster presentations can be accommodated. We will again combine the two evening poster sessions with receptions to enhance camaraderie.

Please note that all submissions must be in English as all presentations will be in English.

ABSTRACT TYPES

Individual Paper Presentation

Abstracts of individual research papers may be submitted for a 15-minute oral presentation. A maximum of three individual papers will be grouped together based on a theme within a 90-minute concurrent session. A volunteer chair will facilitate an extended period of open discussion following the three oral paper presentations.

Individual Poster Presentation

Poster displays allow presenters to discuss their research with interested colleagues during a two-hour block of time. The poster sessions will be held in the early evening along with a reception, and will not compete with any other sessions.

Organized Paper Symposium

An organized paper symposium provides for multiple oral research presentations to be made on a single theme involving a brief introduction by the chair, 3 (maximum) presenters, with one discussant (encouraged, though optional) and open discussion from the floor. Presenters have 15 minutes to present the core content and the discussant has 15 minutes to comment upon the presentations with 30 minutes reserved for interactive discussion, facilitated by the chair, between the presenters and the session audience. An abstract should be submitted that describes the overall symposium, and separate abstracts should be submitted for each proposed presentation (that is, 4 abstracts should be submitted for a symposium with 3 presenters).

Organized Poster Forum

An organized poster forum provides for multiple, 4-8 (maximum), poster research presentations to be made on a single theme. Posters will be displayed for a 45-minute period allowing time for presenters to individually discuss their research with the session audience as they move through the posters. 15 minutes is allocated for comments from a discussant (encouraged, though optional) and 30 to 45 minutes (if no discussant) of general discussion, moderated by the chair, between the presenters and the session audience.

Roundtable Discussion/Scientific Dialogue

A roundtable discussion/scientific dialogue (RD/SD) does not present research findings, but rather addresses an area or issue of fundamental importance to the field, in a format that encourages a lively exchange of different points of views. Examples include training and funding opportunities in prevention, priorities in prevention, and advocacy for the use of scientific approaches to prevention. The RD/SD chair and the panel of 3-6 discussants often include members/people outside the research community.

The 90-minute RD/SD should include a brief introduction clearly outlining the issues presented by the chair followed by each of the discussants elaborating on their different viewpoints and perspectives on the issue. Then the chair facilitates extended open discussion with the session audience and the discussants. The RD/SD abstract submission should include only one abstract (unlike an organized symposium), which should include the names of the chair and the discussants, an outline of the issue and varying viewpoints and indicate which discussant will be elaborating on each viewpoint.

Technology Demonstration

Abstracts are encouraged that describe prevention-related technology and science-based prevention program materials. A technology demonstration session will be presented during the conference for "hands-on" presentations of technology, such as statistical analysis programs, data collection instruments and techniques, literature search techniques, or science-based prevention curricula. The technology demonstration session will be held in the early evening along with a reception concurrently with the poster sessions.

AUTHOR ROLES

All persons associated with an abstract submission shall be included in the abstract author information. Please select author roles carefully. To maximize participation in oral presentations a limit on a **Presenting Author's** abstract submissions has been instituted. **Oral presentations are limited to TWO per person**, therefore when inviting your presenters for an organized symposium, confirm that they have not already committed to more than one other organized symposium presentation, an individual oral presentation, or a poster forum presentation. Chairing a symposium or being a discussant does not count as an oral presentation.

Entered By – This individual is responsible for accurate entering of all abstract information and may or may not be an author or presenter. There is a minimum and maximum of one "Entered By."

Primary Author – This individual is the primary author of the abstract and/or research paper. The primary author may or may not be a presenting author and may or may not attend the meeting. There is a minimum and maximum of one "Primary Author."

Presenting Author – This individual is the presenter for oral (both individual papers or within an organized symposium) and poster presentations and technology demonstrations. This individual must attend the meeting. There is a minimum and maximum of one "Presenting Author." A presenting author is limited to TWO oral presentations in the meeting.

Co-Author – This individual(s) is a co-author on the abstract and/or research paper. Co-authors may or may not attend the meeting. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for "Co-Authors."

Chair – This individual organizes the symposium, roundtable/scientific discussion or poster forum. The chair is responsible for coordinating the presenters' abstracts, selecting the theme for the submission and that the presenters and discussant attend the meeting. The Chair acts as moderator to ensure presenters keep to the 15-minute time limit and to facilitate the open discussion segment of the session. The Chair must attend the meeting. There is a minimum and maximum of one Chair for an organized symposium, roundtable/scientific dialogue and poster forum.

Discussant – This is an optional role in organized symposia and a role in roundtable discussions/scientific dialogues. Discussants are not expected to give presentations. In an organized symposium a discussant's role/goal is to identify common themes among the presentations, clarify the "big-picture," and integrate the research presentations. In a roundtable/scientific discussion a discussant's role is to elaborate on varying perspectives within the specified area or issue. Discussants are not limited to the number of organized symposia or roundtable/scientific dialogues in which they participate.

Note to all Presenting Authors, Chairs and Discussants – If your abstract(s) and session(s) are accepted you are required to register for the meeting.

Questions

Please don't hesitate to contact the administrative office with any submission questions. Jennifer Lewis will gladly walk you through any of the submission steps. In particular you may benefit from a few minutes of explanation as to how to start the organized symposia submission process.

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