

## **Call for Symposia**

Deadline: October 1, 2019

The International Behavioral Neuroscience Society (IBNS) was formed to encourage research and education in the field of behavioral neuroscience. Founded in 1992, IBNS has members from 34 different countries and consists of scientists, clinicians, teachers, and others with a background and interest in the relationship between brain and behavior. Annual meetings include renowned keynote speakers and multiple symposia.

We are pleased to announce that the IBNS Program Committee is now accepting proposals to develop an exciting program for the 2020 Annual Meeting, to be held June 2 - June 6, 2020, at Caledonian University in the heart of the energetic and historic city of Glasgow, Scotland. Symposia play a major role in shaping the IBNS annual meeting by focusing on timely, relevant and innovative research in the field of Behavioral Neuroscience. More information is provided below, so please share the Call with your friends and colleagues.

## October 1, 2019 is the deadline for priority consideration of a symposium.

A symposium includes four (4) speakers and is scheduled for two (2) hours. The time and date of symposia are set by the Program Committee. All symposium proposals should include: Title, name of the chairperson(s), a substantive but succinct description of the topic and proposed talks, list of four (4) speakers with affiliations and email address, and tentative talk titles. Limited to 4,400 characters, including spaces. We welcome proposals using innovative formats (debate style, hands-on demonstration or workshop), for which the same 2-hour format will also be available.

IMPORTANT: Early career trainees (postdoctoral fellows/graduate students) are encouraged to submit symposium proposals together with senior investigators, to gain experience in organizing and co-chairing sessions as well as presenting their work alongside senior researchers in their field; a suggested format would be to include three (3) PIs and one (1) trainee in the panel. Attention to gender equality as well as the participation of international scientists and underrepresented groups is encouraged in symposia proposals and will be considered in the selection process by the Program Committee.

\*Please note that IBNS does not provide financial support to symposium speakers or organizers. Each organizer and speaker are expected to cover their own fees, including registration and abstract submission fees.

All proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee and then submitted to the IBNS Council for consideration. Proposals that are not accommodated one year may be re-submitted the following year and will receive the same consideration as all other proposals.

Members and non-members of IBNS are invited to submit symposium proposals online at: <u>https://www.ibnsconnect.org/2020-ibns-symposia-proposal</u>

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