“BODY to MIND”  March 6-9, 2019

APS is now accepting submissions for papers, posters, symposia, panel discussions and roundtables for the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting

The deadline is October 31 at 11:59 pm Eastern time

New for 2019:

NOW ACCEPTING LATE BREAKING RESEARCH/ DATA STILL BEING COLLECTED!

We recognize that not all research may be completed by the October submission deadline. This year, to facilitate the presentation of high-impact and cutting edge psychosomatic medicine research, we are welcoming the submission of ongoing clinical trials and other forms of research that is still underway. If your submission describes research for which data collection and/or data analyses are underway, but will not be completed by the October deadline, your abstract will be evaluated based on a compelling rationale, clear hypotheses, and rigorous methods. Note that if your research is accepted for presentation at the 2019 meeting, data collection and data analysis must be finished in time for presentation. There will be two submission options:

1. Late Breaking Clinical Trials: this category is intended for those conducting clinical trials that are underway and have not been published. Clinical trials are typically defined as “any research study that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes.”

2. General Late Breaking Research: For all non clinical trials submissions that involve research that is currently underway but will be completed in time for the meeting.

Panel Sessions
Discussion/Panel sessions are being introduced to offer an alternative presentation format to the more formal Symposium sessions, and to allow for increased interaction between speakers and enhanced audience participation. The Program Committee invites submissions on topics related to the conference theme or other ideas. Sessions might include formats such as debates, audience Q&A periods, open discussions, questions posed by the Moderator, or other creative methods of interacting.
Invited Content Includes:

**Novel Body Mechanisms in Depression Treatment**
Charles A. Raison, MD
Novel mechanisms involved in the development and treatment of major depression and other stress-related emotional and physical conditions

**Interoception**
The Interoceptive Mind in Health and Disease symposium
Chair: Richard D. Lane, MD, PhD (University of Arizona)
Speakers: Frederike Petzschner, PhD (University of Zurich), Sarah Garfinkel, PhD (University of Sussex), Sahib Khalsa, MD, PhD (University of Tulsa)
Discussant: Hugo Critchley, MBChB DPhil FRSB FRCPsych (University of Sussex)

**The Microbiome**
Emeran A. Mayer, MD
How Relevant is the Gut Microbes Brain Communication in Humans?

**Invited Panel on the Microbiome**
Kirsten Tillisch, MD (UCLA)
Karl Maier, PhD (Salisbury University)
B. Brett Finlay, PhD (University of British Columbia)

Lunch Roundtable: Getting Started in Microbiome Research

**Stress**
Contemporary Perspectives on Stress and the Next Generation of Stress Measurement
Moderator: Aric Prather, PhD (UCSF)
Panelists TBA

**Cardiovascular Stress Reactivity and Health: Where are We Now?**
Moderator: Anna Whittaker, PhD (University of Birmingham), Brian Hughes, PhD (National University of Ireland), William Lovallo, PhD (University of Oklahoma), Andrew Steptoe, DSc (University College, London), Karen Quigley, PhD (Northeastern University), Annie Ginty (Baylor University)

Pre-Conference Workshops
Important Dates:
October 29: APS Young Investigator Colloquium Deadline
October 31: Abstract Deadline
November 1: APS Award Nomination Deadline
November 1: Travel Awards and Scholarships Deadline
December 1: Hotel Reservations Accepted
December 15: Registration Opens
March 6-9: Full Meeting Program

Sample FAQs:
Is there a limit to the length of my abstract?
The length of the abstract must not exceed 2400 characters as counted by the abstract program, not including Authors information, title or objective, and should be single-spaced with no indents, tabs or embedded graphics. Do not include the names of the authors in the text. You may also include one table and you may upload one image in a PDF file (and these do not affect the character count), but please note that the image width must not exceed 3.25 inches or 8 cm and must be legible when printed in black & white.

Can I submit an abstract if I haven’t finished data collection and/or data analysis by the submission deadline?
Yes. We recognize that not all research may be completed by the October submission deadline. You may submit an abstract of your research only if data collection and data analysis will be finished in time for presentation at the 2019 scientific meeting.

Is there a limit to the number of abstracts I can submit or present?
There is no limit to the number of abstracts you are allowed to submit or present, but there are limited opportunities for Roundtable and Discussion Panel sessions.

Will my accepted abstract be published?
Accepted Paper, Poster and Symposium abstracts will be published in a 2019 issue of *Psychosomatic Medicine*. Please note that previously published work is not eligible for submission as a Paper, Poster or Symposium and if subsequently accepted for publication elsewhere, your abstract must be withdrawn from the APS Annual Meeting.