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## 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research

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## Announcement and Call for Papers

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Dear Colleague,

The 48th Annual Meeting of the *Society for Psychophysiological Research* will be held **October 1-5**, at the **Hilton Hotel in Austin, Texas, USA**. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of research on the interrelationships between the physiological and psychological aspects of behavior. The meeting is comprised of an international assembly of researchers and students representing an array of disciplines including psychology, neuroscience, physiology, psychopathology, behavioral medicine, health psychology, and engineering.

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The meeting will begin with registration and an opening reception on Wednesday evening; the scientific program will begin Thursday morning and conclude Sunday morning with a farewell breakfast.

### Treasurer

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The program will feature invited addresses by:

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The Presidential Address will be given by:

Monica Fabiani, <http://www.beckman.uiuc.edu/profiles/faculty/mfabiani.html>

There will also be symposia, poster sessions, panel discussions, and pre-conference workshops. The deadline for receipt of submissions is May 1, 2008.

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We are currently soliciting proposals for pre-conference workshops. These will require input from the Program Committee as well as the SPR Board, so workshop organizers are encouraged to contact the Program Chair, Bruce D. Bartholow (BartholowB@missouri.edu), as soon as possible.

Special interest lunches and dinners, as well as a Saturday Night Social, will again provide opportunities for less formal gatherings. If you would like to host a special interest lunch or dinner, please contact **the Program Chair**, who is coordinating these events.

## Submission Process and Format

### Dates:

- Submissions will be accepted from March 31 until **May 1** at 11:59 p.m. PDT.
- Notification of acceptance or rejection will be made by e-mail by **June 16, 2008**.
- Detailed instructions for presenters will be available on the SPR website on March 31.

### Electronic Submission Guidelines:

All submissions should be made on-line through the SPR submission website:

<http://www.sprweb.org> (click under **Upcoming Meetings**).

#### **1) A 1600-character limit (including spaces) must be observed for all abstracts.**

- 2) The electronic abstract submission form works best with browsers Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, Netscape 6.0 or higher, Safari 2.0 or higher, Opera 7 or higher, and the latest versions of Firefox, Mozilla and Camino.
- 3) All abstracts must be prepared in plain text, in English, with no embedded symbols or formatting characters.
- 4) Submissions may not include charts, graphs, tables or references. Please spell out the symbols (alpha, beta, microns, picomolar, etc.) or translate them (mean, chi square, etc.) in your abstract submission.
- 5) Incomplete or incorrectly submitted abstracts will be returned to the corresponding author and must be resubmitted correctly by the deadline date to be considered for presentation.

The Program Committee will review all submissions. Papers should report original data that will not be published elsewhere prior to the meeting, although presentation at a recent meeting (e.g., within a year) of another society is acceptable. Submissions should cover primarily methods and results, although contributions with a theoretical or methodological emphasis are welcome. Studies for which results are not apparent or which do not include physiological measures are not appropriate and will not be considered for inclusion in the program.

Abstracts that are accepted for presentation will be published in a supplement to the journal, *Psychophysiology*. The Program Chair, who serves as the editor for the supplement, reserves the right to make editorial corrections to submitted abstracts.

Please submit a current and complete e-mail address. SPR will communicate with the corresponding author through the e-mail address that is given at the time of submission. Should this e-mail address change at any time, please notify the Program Chair and Jane Shepard ([meetings@sprweb.org](mailto:meetings@sprweb.org)) immediately so that you receive timely correspondence regarding your abstract submission. You are encouraged to submit your abstract(s) early.

Each corresponding author will receive an e-mail confirmation from SPR verifying receipt of the abstract submission. That e-mail will be sent to you within 24 hours of abstract receipt. Please keep a copy of this confirmation e-mail. If you do not receive an e-mail response within 24 hours, the SPR Office did not receive your submission. In that case, or in the event of any other website-related submission difficulties or questions, please contact John Hofmann by e-mail at [jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com](mailto:jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com) or by calling +1-608-443-2472, ext. 150.

### Responsibilities of Authors:

- Open schedule.  
By submitting, authors agree to be scheduled at any time during the conference. Due to the volume of submissions, requests for specific timing of presentations cannot be considered.
- Fully informed authors.  
When a submission involves multiple authors, the submitting author accepts responsibility for informing all authors of the contents of the submission.

- Firm commitment to attend.  
A submission constitutes a firm commitment to attend and participate if the submission is accepted. Accommodation of withdrawals after June 2 is difficult. *Withdrawals are strongly discouraged*; if, however, a submission must be withdrawn, please notify the Program Chair as soon as possible.
- Present only 1 paper (poster) per poster session. {NEW}  
Poster presentations are designed to facilitate discussion among conference attendees. This opportunity for discussion is reduced when a presenter staffs multiple posters on the same evening. Therefore, each presenter will be allowed to staff only **one poster per poster session**. If multiple posters by the same presenter are submitted and accepted, they will be scheduled for separate sessions.

#### **Paper (Poster) Submissions:**

The majority of papers will be presented during Poster Sessions. If time is available, the Program Chair may select papers for presentation during one or more Paper Sessions. Paper submissions for which the first author is a graduate student are eligible for a Student Poster Award and will be presented on Thursday or Friday.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that the dimensions of the poster boards will be 4' tall x 8' wide.

#### **Symposia Submissions:**

These sessions are designed for presentation of several papers on a focused problem area. To encourage a synthesis of research, the Program Committee will give highest priority to proposals that reflect interdisciplinary approaches to a topic and represent contributions from multiple laboratories. Inclusion of a junior member is also encouraged. Symposia should have a well-defined focus with all participants addressing the same problem area. If a discussant is included, she/he should be familiar with all of the papers and be prepared to evaluate and integrate the material presented rather than present new data. **The time allotted to symposia will be 90 minutes.** It is highly recommended that symposia be limited to 4 presentations to allow adequate time for the presentations, discussant's remarks, and questions from the audience. **No more than 5 presentations will be allowed.**

#### **Structured Panel Discussions:**

These 90 minute sessions should highlight issues, define theoretical and methodological differences among the participants, and stimulate discussion among the panel members and the audience. The organizing chairperson must ensure that all participants exchange their papers well in advance of the conference.

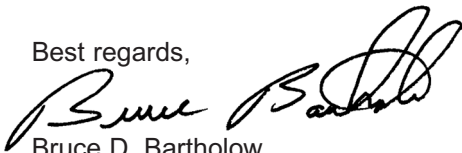
All symposia and panel discussion submissions will be reviewed by the Program Committee. The evaluations will be based on the summary abstract submitted by the organizer(s) and individual abstracts prepared by each participant. A clear integrative focus should be apparent in the summary statement prepared by the organizer(s) and the abstracts of the individual participants. All submissions will be considered available for presentation on any day of the meeting. Submissions that are not accepted will automatically be considered for presentation in a Poster Session.

**To avoid content overlap, organizers of these sessions should communicate with the Program Chair well in advance of the submission deadline regarding the topic and proposed speakers.**

#### **Special Instructions for Students:**

- Please note that SPR honors the research accomplishments of student poster presenters by selecting up to three students for the *Tursky Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Research in Psychophysiology*; others will receive travel awards. Eligibility criteria and submission procedures are available in an accompanying letter from Bob Simons. The letter will also be available on the Society's website (<http://www.sprweb.org>).
- Finally, if you have questions or comments about the scientific program, please contact the Program Chair by e-mail ([BartholowB@missouri.edu](mailto:BartholowB@missouri.edu)), or contact Jane Shepard via email ([meetings@sprweb.org](mailto:meetings@sprweb.org)) or by phone at +1-608-443-2472, ext. 137. I look forward to receiving your submissions and to seeing you this October in Austin!

Best regards,



Bruce D. Bartholow  
Chair, 2008 Program Committee