

# Official Abstract Submission Process

## *33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*

The 2012 Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions represents the 33rd meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM). The meeting theme is "Engaging New Partners and Perspectives." The 2012 Program Committee, on behalf of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, welcomes your abstract submission for review.

### *Submissions Steps and Important Guidelines*

#### *Abstract Submission*

- Opens:  
Wednesday, July 6, 2011  
5:00 am PT/6:00 am MT/7:00 am CT/8:00 am ET
- Closes:  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011  
8:59 pm PT/9:59 pm MT/10:59 pm CT/11:59 pm ET
- Notification  
Thursday, December 1, 2011  
8:59 pm PT/9:59 pm MT/10:59 pm CT/11:59 pm ET

#### *Rapid Communication Poster Submission*

- Opens:  
Thursday, November 17, 2011  
5:00 am PT/6:00 am MT/7:00 am CT/8:00 am ET
- Closes:  
Thursday, January 5, 2012  
8:59 pm PT/9:59 pm MT/10:59 pm CT/11:59 pm ET
- Notification  
Thursday, February 2, 2012  
8:59 pm PT/9:59 pm MT/10:59 pm CT/11:59 pm ET

Abstracts for the Society of Behavioral Medicine 33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions need to be submitted according to the instructions that appear in this Call for Abstracts. ONLY those abstracts submitted via the official SBM abstract submission site will be considered.

Once you arrive at [www.sbm.org](http://www.sbm.org), navigate to the 33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions page and click on the abstract submission link. All abstracts submitted via the official site will be forwarded to SBM's contracted vendor, ScholarOne. Upon receipt of your submission, ScholarOne will issue an e-mail confirmation to the submitting author. Authors can expect to receive the e-mail confirmation of their submission within 48 hours (or two business days) after submission. If you do not receive a confirmation email from the abstract system within 48 hours of submitting your abstract contact [info@sbm.org](mailto:info@sbm.org).

All abstract submissions will be peer reviewed and may be submitted as an oral presentation or a poster presentation. All accepted abstracts, excluding Rapid Communication Poster submissions, will be published in the Annual Meeting Supplement issue of the Annals of Behavioral Medicine, the official journal of SBM. The supplement will serve as the official abstract publication for the 33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

**Important Participation Guidelines – Please Review**

- **Character Limit:** There is a limit of 2,300 characters including title, body, authors, and institutions for the text of your abstract submission.
- **Paper/Poster Submissions Please Note:** Authors may submit abstracts as “Poster Only”, “Paper Only”, or “Paper or Poster”. Authors are encouraged to submit using the “Paper or Poster” option since all papers submitted under this option that are not selected for oral presentation will alternatively be considered for poster presentations.
- **Complete and Original Results:** Each abstract should represent complete and original results. Submitting multiple abstracts in which the same data have been analyzed in different ways, or in which a study is subdivided into small sub-studies is prohibited and will result in those abstracts being rejected. In addition, this action may result in the individual abstract authors being prohibited from submitting abstracts for future SBM Annual Meetings.
- **Empirical/Non-Empirical Research:** Paper and Poster abstracts submitted for presentation must be based on empirical research and report actual (not promised) results along with relevant statistics and significance values. In contrast, abstracts for informational sessions such as, seminars, panel discussions, and symposia might include empirical and/or non-empirical contributions.
- **Prior Publication Policy:** Papers that have been published or presented elsewhere prior to the time of presentation at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions may not be submitted for consideration by SBM.
- **Abstract Presentation Limit:** Authors are limited to participation as “Presenter” in a **maximum of three (3)** abstract submissions.
- Presenters of accepted abstracts must pre-register for the Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions by the early-bird deadline of Wednesday, March 14.
- **Presenter Registration:** Each presenting author is responsible for his/her registration fee(s) as well as travel and housing costs. Presenters who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions should arrange for another individual to present the paper/poster in question. If changes to your presentation are necessary, please notify us at the SBM national office (414) 918-3156 or [info@sbm.org](mailto:info@sbm.org).
- **Withdrawn Abstracts:** Abstract presenters who withdraw a presentation may be denied the right to submit an abstract for the 2013 SBM Annual Meeting. The only exceptions to this policy are 1) absence due to weather related issues that hinder a presenter’s travel to the meeting, 2) absence due to work related emergency, or 3) absence related to personal injury or family health emergency. Please Note: Miscalculation of travel costs by the presenter does not qualify as an acceptable reason to withdraw one’s abstract. In the event this occurs, no refunds will be given.
- **Abstract/Presentation Language:** All abstract submissions must be in English. All presentations based on accepted abstract submissions must be made in English.
- **Thematic Submissions Encouraged:** Submissions are especially encouraged that reflect the theme for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions “Engaging New Partners and Perspectives.” The theme includes the following thematic areas: Genetics, Genomics and Behavioral Medicine; Innovative Partnerships in Research; Brain Health; Health Policy; Obesity; Cardiovascular Health; Intervention, Dissemination and Implementation; Health Information and Communication Technology; and Mentoring and Career Development..
- **Abstract Acceptance Notification:** If you DO NOT receive an e-mail notification regarding your abstract submission by December 1, 2011, or by February 2 for Rapid Abstracts, please send an e-mail to [info@sbm.org](mailto:info@sbm.org).

### ***Presentation Formats at the 33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine***

The 33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine feature a variety of formats including Poster, Panel Discussion, Papers, Seminars and Symposia. Descriptions of each format follow below.

**Posters** allow presenters to discuss their research with interested colleagues for 90 minutes in an informal setting. Poster submissions judged by the Program Committee to be especially original and significant will be highlighted as Citation Posters.

**Rapid Communication Posters** offer the opportunity for presentation of late-breaking findings in the field of behavioral medicine.

**Please note:** *Posters are a very important and essential part of the SBM Annual Meeting. They are a great way for researchers to discuss their work with colleagues. The Society of Behavioral Medicine views Poster Presentations as equally important as Paper Presentations.*

**Panel Discussions** are hour-long sessions (e.g., debates, discussions about educational topics, career development, funding opportunities) designed to allow for discussion amongst presenters as well as provide a forum for interaction with session attendees. Panel Discussions are expected to have 2 or more speakers, depending on the structure of the session.

**Papers** clustered around common themes will be presented for 18 minutes each (12 for presentation, 3 for discussion and 3 minutes for introduction and speaker turnover). Paper submissions judged by the Program Committee to be especially original and significant will be highlighted as Citation Papers.

**Seminars** are either half day (2 hour and 45 minute) or full day (6 hour) sessions held on Wednesday (April 11, 2012). They feature presentations who emphasize the theory and application of practical skills.

**Symposia** examine important issues from a variety of perspectives. These sessions last 90 minutes during which time alternative solutions, interpretations, and points of view on a body of knowledge within the field are presented and debated. Symposia that include presenters from different disciplines and include cross-cutting themes relevant to behavioral medicine as well as the Program Tracks are strongly encouraged. A Symposium typically includes one chair, three presenters, and one discussant. The chair can serve as one of the three presenters.

### ***Program Tracks***

Corresponding authors are asked to select one track from the list below that best describes their abstract submission. To read full descriptions of each track, please follow this link:

- Adherence
- Behavioral Medicine in Medical Settings
- Biological Mechanisms in Health and Behavior Change
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Diversity Issues
- Environmental and Contextual Factors in Health and Behavior Change
- Health Communication and Technology
- Lifespan
- Measurement and Methods
- Population Health, Policy and Advocacy
- Prevention
- Psychological and Person Factors in Health and Behavior Change
- Quality of Life
- Spirituality
- Translation of Research to Practice