

Dear Program Committee Members,

As we approach the end of 2020 (it's been a long year!), here's an update on the status of the scientific program for the PAS 2021 Virtual Meeting.

Important dates:

- Dec. 7 – Review of Volunteer Abstract Reviewers ends
- Dec. 10 – Registration opens
- Dec. 14 – Workshop notifications, including reviewed workshops and partner/alliance selections
- Jan. 5 – Call for Abstracts ends 11:59 pm ET

Action items for Program Committee

- **Jan. 12-25** – Abstract review
 - **Jan. 27-Feb. 9** – Abstract selection
 - **Feb. 10** – virtual meeting to review selections and schedule
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- **One month until the abstract deadline!** Please reach out to colleagues, mentees, and the membership of your societies to encourage participation. See full instructions [here](#) or [tutorial](#).
 - **New this year: PAS Trainee Registration Grants Program**
PAS has a new program to increase trainee participation in the PAS 2021 Virtual Meeting. Trainees can apply during the abstract submission process for awards, based on the quality of their PAS abstract, that will cover registration fees. Award notifications will be sent in March 2021. For more information, email info@pasmeeting.org
 - A **preliminary schedule** will be available in Smartsheet in January. It will show Scholarly Sessions, Clubs, Presidential Plenaries, Workshops, and SIGs in the grid, along with placeholders for the oral original science and poster clusters you will be sessioning in January/February.
 - We'll have more guidance in January about sessioning platforms and poster clusters and the ways we will be offering interactive networking.
 - We will focus on finetuning and completing the schedule when we get together virtually on Feb. 10.
 - We appreciate your time and effort in reviewing, discussing, and selecting the Scholarly Sessions. **Decision notifications were sent on Friday, Nov. 13.** Speaker notifications will be sent in January once the program is further along.
 - **Update/Changes** - If you need to make a change to a session (different title, speaker, moderator, etc.) please submit a request through the [PAS 2021 Change Request Tracker Form](#).
 - You can upload a file to the tracker if you have several changes—be sure to highlight the new information.
 - The form can also be accessed through the [Program Committee portal](#) and the [PAS Meeting Website](#)
 - Check the [PAS Program & Events Center](#) for any information or messages regarding details for sessions you may be participating in for PAS 2021.

Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for our ongoing support of the PAS Meeting. Wishing you the happiest of holidays and a wonderful, healthy new year.