

PAS 2021 Program Committee: January Newsletter

Happy new year to all of you! January and February are busy months for everyone involved in planning the PAS Meeting and we appreciate your engagement and dedication. Here's what's in the pipeline:

Abstract Review Jan. 12-25 All abstract reviews are due by 11:59 pm Monday, Jan. 25

- Total abstracts submitted: 3,396 (67% of the 2020 submissions)
- Total abstract review volunteers accepted: 957 (not including Coordinating Chairs)
- Total # of reviewers recommended per abstract = 8, with a maximum of 40 abstracts per reviewer.
- In ScholarOne,
 - If you signed up to be a reviewer, you will be able to see the abstracts assigned to you for review.
 - If you did not sign up to be a reviewer and would like to see all abstracts in your topic area, please let us know. Otherwise, you will have access to all abstracts when abstract selection begins.

Abstract Selection Jan. 27-Feb. 9

- Resources available on the [Program Committee webpage](#)—please watch or review them. (**Vimeo password: PAS2021**)
 - **Abstract Sessioning Tutorial**
 - **Abstract Sessioning Webinar**
 - **Abstract Review & Selection Presentation:** video of PowerPoint slides from video training session
- We've attached updated abstract submission numbers by topic area in the **Abstract Session Allotment file**.
- An updated file showing the projected number of platform sessions with **six** abstracts per session will be provided prior to sessioning.
- On the day sessioning begins, we will provide you with a score report to help with your session assignments and list of the volunteers for moderators for each assigned topic area (pdf and excel).

Program Schedule Review

- We plan to share a provisional schedule for Phase I of the meeting, incorporating platform and poster sessions, before abstract selection begins. Please alert us as soon as possible about any significant conflicting sessions. Phase II, which will include workshops, clubs, SIGs, and additional scientific programming, is also in development. We will be sending an email to Phase II Workshop and Scholarly Session presenters asking for availability soon.

Program Committee Virtual Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 10

- This call will focus on discussion of the program schedule and identifying conflicts.
- If you do not have an invitation in your calendar for the meeting, please contact Michelle Brunoehler at michelle.brunoehler@central-office.info.

Additional information to share:

- **Changes:** If you need to make a change to a session (different title, speaker, moderator, etc.) please submit the request through the [PAS 2021 Change Request Tracker Form](#). The form can also be accessed through the [Program Committee portal](#) and the [PAS Meeting ScholarOne site](#).

Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for your ongoing support of the PAS Meeting.