VIRTUAL INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIA (ISS)

Definition:
For purposes of these guidelines, an Industry Sponsored Symposium (ISS) is an educational program for which AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ is offered by an organization external to the PAS, is not endorsed by the PAS and not part of the PAS official conference program. These events are scheduled during time slots that do not compete with PAS programs or exhibit hall hours. Space is limited; available times for ISS are noted below.

CME Credit and Compliance with AMA and ACCME Guidelines
The PAS does not provide AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for ISS. Those wishing to hold symposia must obtain credit from another accredited CME provider.

All ISS must be held in compliance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education’s (ACCME) Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education. In addition, although compliance with the AMA’s Ethical Opinion on Gifts to Physicians from Industry is the responsibility of the individual physician, every effort should be made to ensure that PAS attendees are not put in a compromising situation that would be considered a violation of these guidelines. Approval of proposed ISS will be based on these and other regulations as outlined within.

Application/Selection Process
To submit an application, follow these steps:

• First, contact Carmen Beck, Resource Development Director, 832.404.2413 or Kelly Schmalfeldt, Resource Development Coordinator, 832.371.6016 to discuss your topic, time slot, submit sponsorship contract and payment.
• Next, create an account on the PAS Program and Events site and complete all disclosures during this process.
  • Select the Session Proposal tab in the horizontal bar.
  • Select Create New Proposal.
    • Step 1: Type – Select Ancillary Event Proposal and ISS under the Session Role Name dropdown.
    • Step 2: Content – The title, description, and other details.
    • Step 3: Participants – This section does not apply to ISS.
    • Step 4: Review and Submit – Review all details to ensure accuracy and completeness.

ISS supporters must submit a completed application no later than March 1, 2021. Payment of the educational grant must accompany the application when submitted. Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis as space permits.

An application will be considered complete when it includes:

• Rationale for holding the ISS
• Learning objectives
• Complete agenda for the program, including proposed speakers and topics
• Synopsis of program content for publication in the PAS programs
• Complete application with original signatures
• Contact information for accredited CME sponsor of the ISS
• Sample evaluation form
• Description of how evaluation and CME credits will be handled on-site
• Payment

The PAS Operating Committee and Program Committee Chair will review the application and determine its appropriateness based on the program’s scientific merit and audience interest. Criteria for acceptance of an ISS proposal include the following:
• The topic is timely and of broad interest to the memberships
• The topic meets ACCME guidelines and Standards for Commercial Support, and the content is free of commercial bias for or against any product
• The proposed program is designated for CME credit by an ACCME accredited provider

To avoid the appearance of conflict, current PAS Board, Council, Program Committee and PAS Alliance Board members may not be included as speakers or moderators for an ISS. All correspondence with ISS speakers, including honoraria and expense reimbursement, will be the responsibility of the organizer. The sponsor will be contacted in writing regarding the committee’s decision approximately one month after review. Applicants may not contact reviewers directly to provide additional information or to check the status of an application. Once a program is selected and approved, it may not be modified.

Symposia applications are reviewed and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Your preferred time slot is based on approval and the schedule of applicants who may have been approved prior to your submission. We encourage organizers to submit applications early in the process.

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Thursday, May 20  7:00 am – 9:00 am CST

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Don’t see a symposia slot you want? Contact us to discuss your proposed time/date.

Administrative Fee:
- Symposia fee is $10,000.
- Payment is due at the time of application. Applications will not be considered until payment is received.
- Checks should be made payable to the Pediatric Academic Societies. Full payment will be refunded if the program is not accepted.

Symposia Production and Arrangements:
The administrative fee is strictly an application fee and does not include AV, faculty, or any other ancillary charges. The ISS organizer is responsible for the arrangement of all details regarding AV, virtual symposia production, Q&A, and pre-registration, and audio visual etc. We will link your webinar event page in our program materials and website for attendees to access.

Cancellation Policy
The PAS must be notified in writing of the cancellation. For cancellations received by the close of business of January 15, 2021, the PAS will issue a refund of 80%. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after January 15, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: One person must be designated as the contact for all company communications. PAS will only work with that designee throughout the planning process.

Final attendance numbers are dependent on your virtual facilitation and bandwidth. Attendance for live symposia at PAS can range anywhere between 30-250 attendees. This range is based on topic, targeted audience, promotion, and advanced registration. Promotion of the symposium is the responsibility of the symposia organizer. Because the PAS Meeting directs neither the topic nor the marketing efforts, PAS is not responsible for final symposia attendance numbers.

Program/Promotional Materials
- All promotional and program materials must be reviewed and approved by the PAS. Once approved, revisions and final materials must be submitted to the PAS in writing.
- The PAS wishes to avoid any implication that ISS are planned, implemented, or sponsored by the PAS. Promotional material may in no way mention the PAS, individual PAS partner societies or the PAS Meeting. Phrases such as “presented during,” “presented in conjunction with,”
“preceding” or “prior to” may not be used. This rule applies to materials developed for use before, during and after the conference.

Promotional Opportunities Include:

- **Pre-Registrant Mailing List** – Upon approval of your first promotional piece to be mailed, the PAS will provide a single pre-registrant (address-only) list at no cost. This list is approved for a one-time use only to promote the ISS. For subsequent mailings, additional copies of the PAS pre-registrant list will be available for purchase for $600.

- **Program Publication Announcements** – PAS will list a brief synopsis of the ISS on the PAS Meeting website schedule and PAS Meeting App.

- **Social Media Posts**—10 short bullet statements delivered via PAS Twitter account.

- **Know Before You Go Email**— Symposia details and link in pre-meeting emails sent out to email database of 90,000+ pre-registered and prospective PAS 2021 Meeting attendees: pediatricians, research scientists, and health care professionals.

- **PAS Meeting App Icon**—Clickable icon on the front page of the PAS Meeting App. Users will click icon to view listing of all ISS/Symposia with clickable sessions to view details.

- **PAS Meeting Navigation Bar**— Symposia listing link on the main page of the PAS Meeting left-hand navigation bar.

- **PAS Website** —Recognition with link to sponsor’s website (or Registration Link)

  For other symposium marketing opportunities, contact Carmen Beck, Resource Development Director, 832.404.2413 or Kelly Schmalfeldt, Resource Development Coordinator, 832.371.6016.

**Enduring Content and Material**

Enduring materials may be produced based on symposia held during the PAS 2021 Meeting. All enduring materials must be approved by PAS. Similar to the promotional and program materials for symposia, enduring materials based on symposia and their related promotional materials may not bear reference to the PAS Meeting.

**Program Follow-up**

ISS organizers must submit an evaluation summary and final attendance list by **June 30, 2021**.

**Violation Policy**

The PAS reserves the right to restrict and/or dismiss at any time any event, topic, format, or materials it deems inappropriate. By applying to host an ISS, you agree to adhere to the ISS guidelines set forth by the PAS. Any violation of these guidelines may result in the immediate dismissal of your company as an exhibitor or your program. PAS reserves the right to dismiss future ISS applications submitted on behalf of any sponsor, credit provider or commercial supporter who has violated these guidelines. Consequences result in written warning and/or banned from future participation at the PAS Meeting and/or ISS function.

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