Call for Submissions

50th International SPR Meeting

Buenos Aires, July 3-6, 2019

Theme:

The Future of Psychotherapy Research:

Building on our 50 Year Legacy

Submission Portal Dates:

Open: 1 November 2018
Close: 15 December 2018

At this conference we will celebrate 50 years of sharing out research with our colleagues from around the world, representing multiple professions and diverse perspectives. As we look to the future and progress, it is important to reflect on and learn from the past. This conference will feature a plenary session on the conference theme—so please join us in Buenos Aires for this exciting conference.

There are five categories or types of presentation to be submitted for the 2018 Conference: Panels, Brief Papers, Structured Discussions, Posters, and Pre-Conference Workshops. To increase the value of Poster and Brief Paper sessions, the program committee will organize them into groups by topic.

The Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy (Division 29) of the American Psychological Association will be offering continuing education credits for all plenary sessions, panels, and discussion sessions.

Please Note:

Participation in SPR conferences has grown over the years and we wish to give many researchers the opportunity to present. Consequently, please limit yourself to one presentation as first author. As well, please limit yourself to participation in not more than five presentations, including roles as presenter, moderator, discussant, or poster presenter.

In some instances, you may be asked to present your submission as brief papers or posters rather than panels or papers.

The following is an overview of submission types:

Panels

Panels should include **three to four** presentations focused on a common theme. To ensure different perspectives on a topic, panels should contain presentations from different groups. **The Program Committee discourages panels containing multiple presentations from the same research group.**

Panels will be 90 minutes with a minimum of 15 minutes for open discussion. Each panel should have a moderator (normally the organizer of the panel or another relevant person) and a discussant.

Brief Papers

Brief papers are 8-10 minute presentations. The brief paper sessions will be 60 minutes and will consist of **four to five** short presentations, with 10 minutes for discussion at the end of the session.

The Program Committee will designate moderators for the Brief paper sessions from among the presenters.

Structured Discussions

Structured provide an opportunity for group discussion among colleagues on a specific topic in psychotherapy research (e.g., specific methods, theories, new developments in research and practice, disorders, etc.). Sessions should be structured by having each presenter give a brief (5 minutes or less) position statement on the theme to elicit active participation from audience members. These sessions should be structured in a way that encourages discussion.

Posters

Posters are appropriate for the full range of research reports, including completed projects, single case studies, pilot studies, and work-in-progress. They provide a good opportunity for detailed discussion with interested colleagues. We will try to group the posters by topic to stimulate discussion and exchange of ideas. Poster dimensions should approximate 32" x 40" (80cm x 100cm) portrait. Please keep in mind that many attendees will appreciate receiving a handout summarizing your research findings.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Workshops will be held on the afternoon prior to the evening session that opens the conference (i.e., Wednesday afternoon). Two types of pre-conference workshops are encouraged. The first is intended to provide training in specific areas of psychotherapy research, methods, or data analysis. The second type of workshop entails the clinical presentation of an assessment or treatment method that is followed by discussion on how best to empirically study or validate the clinical procedures described. Workshops are scheduled for three hours.

Submission Policies & Guidelines

The official conference language will be English and all submissions should be made in English.

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This will require two additional pieces of information to the submission. The CV for the lead presenter will need to be submitted as well as 2 learning objectives for the session. The learning objectives can be a simple sentence such as, "By attending this session, participants will be able to…" and then list 2 or 3 things that someone could expect to learn from the session.

All abstracts are limited to 250 words. For Panels, Structured Discussions, and Pre-Conference Workshops, the moderator/organizer should provide an overview of the session as a whole.

Brief Papers, Papers in a Panel, and Posters should be structured using the following headings: Aim, Methods, Results, Discussion.

Here is an example of a Panel submission. Abstracts will be published on the SPR 2019 Buenos Aires website and hardcopies will be available for purchase at the time of registration and at the conference.

Finally, if you have an idea for a panel or other collaboration, to find colleagues with similar interests please consider using the SPR mailing list list@psychotherapyresearch.org, or ResearchGate:

If you have any questions, requests, ideas or suggestions for the conference and its scientific program, please send an email at spr2018program@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

- Online submissions will be open from November 1 to December 15, 2018.
- Notifications of acceptance will be emailed around March 1 2019.
- Online revision period: Presenters will be able to modify their abstracts between March 1 and April 1, 2019.

We look forward to receiving your proposals & seeing you in Buenos Aires in July 2019!

Bruce Wampold
Program Chair