Call for Symposium Proposals

for the

21th Annual Genes, Brain and Behavior Meeting

May 10-14th, 2019 Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

The 21th Annual Meeting of the International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS) will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK 10-14, 2019. The meeting will be held at the University of Edinburgh, Center for Informatics.

The IBANGS meeting provides an excellent opportunity for those involved in research in the fields of behavioural genetics and neurogenetics to present their latest findings, to learn about new research developments, and to interact with others with similar interests. For more information about IBANGS and to see programs from previous meetings, please refer to http://www.ibangs.org.

The meeting will include a mix of lectures, broadly-themed symposia, and selected short talks and poster sessions. A diverse range of topics will cover all aspects of behavioural genetics across humans and diverse model organisms.

Symposium proposals are due **November 30, 2018**. Symposium topics can cover any area of behavioural genetics and neurogenetics, and themes showcasing a range of organisms are particularly welcomed. The Program Committee invites IBANGS members and non-members to submit proposals. Non-member proposals should be sponsored by an IBANGS member, who can be identified from the membership directory at http://www.ibangs.org/membership.

Symposia will be chosen based on scientific quality, broad appeal to meeting participants, and diversity of speakers, models systems, or techniques. Symposia emphasizing cross-cutting concepts and approaches that generalize to multiple species are most desirable.

Symposia are 2 hours in length and include 3-4 Chair-selected speakers whose talks use 80-90 minutes of the symposia time. The Program Committee will select an additional 2-3 short talks to complete the symposia from submitted abstracts. Proposal submissions should include an abstract (500 words maximum) that describes the rationale and a list of the speakers with a brief description of each talk in addition to assurances that all speakers have agreed to participate.

All symposium participants must register. However, the registration fee (but not travel expenses) will be waived for Chair-selected participants.

Speakers from accepted symposia will each be asked to submit a complete abstract. Speakers from symposia that were not selected are invited to resubmit their abstract

for oral or poster presentation.

Please submit proposals electronically by completing the **GBB 2019 Symposia Proposal Form** on the IBANGS website.

For more information about the meeting, please visit the meeting webpage at <u>Genes</u>, <u>Brain and Behavior 2019</u>

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