

# JOINT MEETING ISAN/AAS

12-16  
SEPTEMBER  
2011

BÚZIOS, RIO DE JANEIRO  
BRAZIL

From:

**The International Programming Committee of the Joint Meeting of  
The International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience  
& The American Autonomic Society 2011**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2010

Dear Colleague

**RE: Call for Plenary Speakers, Symposia & Satellites**

We are delighted to announce a joint meeting between the International Society for Autonomic Research (ISAN) and the American Autonomic Society (AAS). This joint meeting is the first of its kind and will be held in Búzios, Brazil (<http://www.eventus.com.br/isan2011/>) between 12-16 September 2011. The theme of the meeting is:  
*"Translating autonomic neuroscience"*

The International Programming Committee (IPC) of ISAN-AAS 2011 wishes to invite you to submit proposals for Plenary Speakers, Symposia and Satellites. All submissions will be considered by the IPC, which has representation of both basic and clinical autonomic neuroscience (see enclosure for list of members) and from the local organising committee (LOC).

All submissions must follow the guidelines below and be sent to Mark Chapleau ([mark-chapleau@uiowa.edu](mailto:mark-chapleau@uiowa.edu)) by 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010.

### **A). Guidelines for Plenary Speaker Proposals**

Please submit a CV with your proposed speaker, her/his title and confirmation that the speaker would attend the meeting if invited. Please make sure that the topic of the speaker falls within the theme of the meeting.

### **B). Guidelines for Symposium Submissions**

1. Each symposium will be 2 hours long and may include either 3 or 4 invited speakers with each speaker allocated either 25 min (20 min + 5 min for discussion), 30 min (25+5), or 35 min (30+5). It may have a Chair and co-Chair or just a Chair. Please note that if the Chair or co-Chair gives more than brief introductory remarks, the proposal must list them as a speaker.
2. We plan to include 1-3 shorter presentations related to the theme of the symposium, selected from accepted abstracts, particularly to allow early career researchers the opportunity to present their work in a more formal setting. The flexibility in choosing the number of main speakers and the duration of their presentations (see #1 above) will allow the organizers to leave time for these shorter presentations (10 min + 5 min for discussion).
3. The IPC's primary consideration is to generate the highest quality scientific program. Where possible it is important that proposals have equal contributions from both basic and clinical scientists. If necessary, the IPC will dovetail symposia to ensure equal weighting of clinical and basic science within a session (i.e., merging 2 symposia if needed). In addition, the IPC will sequester symposia proposals.

Please consider that the chairperson sets up teleconferences between their speakers so all are aware of what the others will speak on. This will allow good integration across talks leading to a coherent symposium addressing the limitations of current clinical approaches as well as basic science developments that could overcome these limitations.

4. Please note that the LOC is still in the early stages of fund raising so we cannot yet promise any financial support for invited speakers. However, registration fees for invited speakers will be waived and the LOC will be able to provide internal regular transfers (round-trip) from the International Airport of Rio de Janeiro (Tom Jobim) to Búzios, with the proviso that all speakers register by the required date. We also hope to be able to assist financially with accommodation costs.

5. Prior to proposal submission, please ensure that all speakers have confirmed directly with you that, should your Symposium be selected, they will definitely attend the meeting, noting the conditions of the limited financial support as described in point 4.

6. The person proposing the symposium is responsible for all communication with the speakers, including being a primary contact for speakers during the submission and review process, informing the speakers if the symposium bid was successful or not, ensuring that speakers submit abstracts, complete registration requirements and provide information to audiovisual staff as required.

7. Diversity of speakers (seniority, geographical representation, gender) and timely topics will be important aspects of the selection process. The most successful topics will summarize advances or present conflicting views in rapidly developing areas and provide the audience with an overall view.

**8. In your submission please provide:**

- (i) Title of symposium
- (ii) Names and addresses (including email) of proposer, Chair(s) and speakers
- (iii) Tentative titles of individual presentations
- (iv) One recent, full citation of a published work for each speaker
- (v) Confirmation that all speakers and Chairs have agreed to participate
- (vi) Overall objectives of the symposium (limit 1500 characters) and why the proposal is timely (limit 500 characters)
- (vii) Short summary of the symposium (limit 500 characters) to be used for publicity and fundraising purposes.
- (viii) Possibility that the symposium might be sponsored or speaker costs might be shared, defrayed from other sources.
- (ix) Any other information which you consider makes the proposal attractive

**C). Guidelines for Satellites**

- 1. It is essential that those who are interested in organizing a satellite will need to find a Brazilian partner who is willing to contribute and assist in the local organisation of the satellite.
- 2. Satellite organizers will need to raise funds to support their satellite and this must be done in consultation with the LOC.
- 3. The IPC will explore the possibility that a number of symposia on a similar theme become a satellite; this will be proposed to each organizer for their agreement.

Thank you and best wishes



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**AUSTRALIA:**

Janet Keast – *visceral afferents*

Vaughan Macefield – *human studies, CNS imaging*

**JAPAN:**

Miyako Takaki – *GI tract*

Yasumasa Okada – *pulmonary/respiratory*

**EUROPE:**

Julian F. Paton (*England, Chair*)

Marcus Drake (England) – *urogenital systems*

David Grundy (England) – *gastrointestinal system*

Jens Tank (Germany) – *cardiovascular/autonomic: basic and clinical*

**NORTH-AMERICA:**

Mark W. Chapleau (*USA, Chair*)

David Robertson – *clinical autonomic disorders, translation, genetics*

Nisha Charkoudian – *human cardiovascular physiology*

Clif Saper – *CNS, inflammation, fever, translation*

Christopher Gibbons – *autonomic disorders, neuropathies including diabetes*

David Linden – *gastrointestinal neuroscience*

Bruce Lindsay – *respiratory*

**SOUTH-AMERICA:**

Benedito H. Machado (Brazil) – *central cardiovascular autonomic neuroscience*

Carlos E Negrão (Brazil) – *exercise, gender, heart failure, human*