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NEW CHANGES FOR 2020 AAN ANNUAL MEETING

The American Academy of Neurology is implementing some exciting new changes for the 2020 Annual Meeting that attendees should understand as they begin planning their trip:

- **Electronic Posters**
  - All scientific posters in the poster hall will be digital. Presentations will be more immersive, interactive, engaging, and environmentally friendly. New posters and presenters will be available three times per day (Sunday-Thursday) with one session on Saturday.

- **Sunday Night at the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum)**
  - Visit galleries showcasing a world-class collection of art, culture, and nature
  - Sample amazing food and beverages stationed throughout the museum
  - Enjoy musical entertainment
  - The first 4,000 Annual Meeting registered attendees who RSVP for a ticket get a free, all-inclusive event ticket and additional tickets may be purchased for $115 through registration.

- **Inspiration and Innovation Talks**
  - Join us for the Inspiration and Innovation Talks that explore subjects where neuroscience intersects with global themes. Talks will be featured by David Eagleman, PhD, and Maria Konnikova, PhD.

- **Healthcare Equity Symposium**
  - In today’s world, the reality is that access to quality health care varies greatly depending on race, gender, socioeconomic status, and sexual identity.
  - Join us at the inaugural Health Care Equity Symposium on Monday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. as we explore ways we can eliminate the disparity gap, and provide quality health care to all.

- **Wellness and Physical Activities**
  - The Great Neuro Race: Join us in a fun-filled challenge taking place on Thursday, April 30, 2020, during the AAN Annual Meeting. This is a competitive challenge that will take you through the streets of Toronto with mental and physical challenges as your team uses clues to figure out the next step in the game.
  - Step Challenge: Want a great way to keep active all week long? Download the Heka Health App, available for iOS and Android, and compete with other attendees on total steps for the week.
  - Run/Walk for Brain Research: The 2020 Run/Walk for Brain Research is a friendly outdoor activity along the Toronto waterfront. Join your colleagues for this early morning event and show your support for brain research. This physical activity allows attendees the opportunity to start the day in a healthy and philanthropic way while engaging and connecting with colleagues in a friendly competition. Participants may run or walk through the designated course. Don’t miss out on this energetic event at the Annual Meeting!

- **Friday Grand Finale**
  - While you’ll find fresh and creative programming all week long during the Annual Meeting, you’ll want to make sure and stay until the end of the week to take in the enhanced Friday experience. The streamlined schedule for the day will offer even more opportunities for networking and community with your peers
    - Neurology Year in Review Plenary Session
    - Science Innovation Lunch
    - Courses and Scientific Sessions
    - Encore Update Programs
    - NeuroZone
    - Closing Party featuring Second City improv crew

For more information on the 2020 AAN Annual Meeting, please visit: [2020 Annual Meeting](#).

2020 ABSTRACT PRESENTER INFORMATION

Thank you for sending your work to the American Academy of Neurology’s Annual Meeting. The Science Committee is committed to presenting the best neuroscientific research at its Annual Meeting and the AAN staff strives to support you. If you have any questions,
Please feel free to contact Laura Southwick, Senior Administrator, Annual Meeting and Conference Scientific Program, at lsouthwick@aann.com.

As an abstract presenter, you must complete the following steps:

**1. CONFIRM YOUR 2020 AAN ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPATION**

To assist the AAN with 2020 Annual Meeting planning, please confirm your participation for this presentation by following the link provided in your notification letter.

**2. COMPLETE THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT AND UPDATE YOUR DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

To address attendees’ concerns over undue industry influence at scientific programs, the Science Committee developed the AAN Letter of Agreement. Please log on to the following website to sign the AAN Letter of Agreement: Letter of Agreement/Disclosure Statement.

You will also have the opportunity to update the disclosure information that was included at the time of abstract submission. The disclosure information you provided at the time of your submission will be made available to meeting attendees on the AAN website prior to the start of the meeting. **In addition, all session presenters must provide meaningful disclosure at the start of each presentation.**

The presentation must include the presenter’s disclosure information – both what is directly relevant to the work, as well as any other disclosure information. The disclosure information that is relevant to the work should be in larger font and bolded and the speaker should give a summary of this information prior to beginning their presentation.

Please note that disclosure information is NOT based on a specific abstract but should cover any commercial financial relationship or other relationship that you or your immediate family has had in the past year.

**3. REGISTER FOR THE 2020 AAN ANNUAL MEETING**

All abstract presenters must pay the meeting registration fee. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, and a co-author is presenting for you, then only your co-author would need to register. To register for the Annual Meeting and reserve your housing, go to https://reg.cmrus.com/aanam2020/ or call Convention Management Resources (CMR) at (800) 676-4226 (USA/Canada) or (415) 979-2283 (International). The housing deadline is April 2, 2020. The early registration deadline is March 5, 2020 and the advance registration deadline is April 2, 2020.

Medical students receive gratis registration to the Annual Meeting. There are two ways to access it:

2. Register online for the meeting, but do not complete payment. Provide a copy of your current student ID through the Registration & Housing Support Center to have your registration fee adjusted to the Student rate.

**ELECTRONIC POSTER PRESENTER POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

NEW: The AAN is excited to announce that the poster hall will be completely digital! As a presenter, this gives you the opportunity to stay on the cutting-edge trend we’re starting to see at other subspecialty meetings while allowing the AAN to limit the amount of waste that is generated with traditional poster presentations. Your presentation will now be given on a touch screen digital monitor and will allow you to use compelling visual features such as images, videos, graphics, and models.

All posters will be displayed on 55” touch screen monitors and are meant to be interactive. Attendees will be able to advance posters by touching the screen or navigate using hyperlink buttons for a more customized experience.

This year’s poster hall will once again be structured into topic-related Poster Neighborhoods. There will be a total of 11 different Poster Neighborhoods for each of the daily poster sessions. Your neighborhood number indicates the physical location of the poster grouping. The presentation number represents the specific digital monitor where your presentation will be displayed.
• It is essential that authors be available during the stand-by times of the assigned session.
• Attendees expect authors to be willing to engage in dialogue about the work displayed.
• Author is to supplement or discuss particular points raised in inquiry.
• Remember that the time spent at each poster figure is determined by the viewer, not the author.

OVERALL ROLE OF A SCIENTIFIC PRESENTER

• To provide audience with meaningful disclosure at the start of presentation.
  ○ The presenter’s disclosure information must be included – both what is directly relevant to the work, as well as any other disclosure information. The disclosure information that is relevant to the work should be in larger font and bolded and the speaker should give a summary of this information prior to beginning their presentation.
• To illustrate major points with properly prepared visuals and/or examples.
• To respond directly to questions raised in the discussion.
• Presenters are required to use generic names instead of corporate brands when presenting.
• An individual employed by an ACCME-defined “commercial interest” should present on the basic science research (e.g., pre-clinical research, drug discovery) or the processes/methodologies of research, themselves unrelated to a specific disease or compound/drug. In these circumstances, the faculty, if an industry employee, will be not be permitted to present content that is related to clinical applications of the research/discovery or clinical recommendations concerning the business lines or products of their employer.

PLANNING

• The AAN will supply all equipment necessary for a digital presentation. Presenters are responsible for uploading their presentation in the Speaker Ready Room at least 24 hours prior to their presentation. Additional information on how to upload your presentation will be sent in the next couple of weeks.

PREPARING THE PRESENTATION

• All posters must be created using PowerPoint. The minimum version preferred for both PC and Mac is PowerPoint 2011 or newer.
• You will have the choice of a single- or multi-slide format for your poster presentation.
• If you choose to use a multi-slide format, posters should contain no more than 8 to 10 slides max.
• Aspect ratio for all posters is 16:9. This is the default aspect ratio in the newer versions of PowerPoint. If you’re using PowerPoint 2010 or older, you will have to change the aspect ratio from 4:3 to 16:9. (Design tab -> Page Setup -> “Slides sized for:” -> Choose “On-screen Show (16:9)”)
• For the multi-slide format, all Poster slides must be set to advance on click. (Transitions tab -> Advance Slide -> Be sure “On Mouse Click” box is checked)
• All multi-slide Poster presentations should be set to loop. (Slide Show tab -> Set Up Slide Show -> Show Options -> Be sure “Loop continuously until ‘Esc’ box is checked)

For questions or technical support, please contact Presentation Services Audio Visual, the AAN’s official AV partner, at aan-support@psavds.zendesk.com. The AAN will also be hosting two webinars for presenters to hear about electronic posters and get answers to any questions they might have as they begin to prepare their presentation. Communication on webinar dates and times will be sent in the next couple of weeks.

IMAGES AND VIDEOS

• Use clear, visible graphics and large type.
• Acceptable image file formats include: JPEG, GIF, TIFF, BMP, PNG.
• Acceptable video file formats include: WMV, MOV, MP4, AVI.
• Videos should be set to either play on click or advance from a hyperlink button. Details on setting up videos for playback will be included in the upload instructions.

**TEXT**

• Minimize narrative.
• Numbered or bulleted lists are effective ways to convey a series of points.
• QR codes are allowed, but they must link to scientific information only. *They should not link to promotional or marketing material.*
• Pharmaceutical company logos are not allowed to be used on posters.

**TEMPLATES AND EXAMPLES**

• To view examples of different types of digital poster presentations and download basic templates, please visit [https://www.aan.com/conferences-community/annual-meeting/abstracts-and-awards/#subnav](https://www.aan.com/conferences-community/annual-meeting/abstracts-and-awards/#subnav). Templates and examples will be made available within the next week.

**POSTER SCHEDULE**

**Please adhere to the following schedule:**

• Posters must be uploaded in the Speaker Ready Room at least 24 hours prior to your presentation time. AV staff will display your poster on your assigned screen at your designated time.
• Unlike in past years, your poster is only up for 1 hour.
• You, the presenter, or a co-author should stand by the poster during your allotted 1-hour time. Your poster will only be available during your designated standby time and will not be made available to meeting attendees ahead of time.

There are 16 scheduled daily poster sessions throughout the meeting:

• **Saturday, April 25**
  o Poster Session 1: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

• **Sunday, April 26**
  o Poster Session 2: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  o Poster Session 3: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  o Poster Session 4: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• **Monday, April 27**
  o Poster Session 5: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  o Poster Session 6: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  o Poster Session 7: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, April 28**
  o Poster Session 8: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  o Poster Session 9: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  o Poster Session 10: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, April 29**
  o Poster Session 11: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  o Poster Session 12: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  o Poster Session 13: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• **Thursday, April 30**
  o Poster Session 14: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  o Poster Session 15: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  o Poster Session 16: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• Authors should check the schedule to identify the assigned session and poster location.
OVERALL ROLE OF A SCIENTIFIC PRESENTER

- To provide audience with meaningful disclosure at the start of presentation.
  - The first slide of the presentation must include the presenter’s disclosure information – both what is directly relevant to the work, as well as any other disclosure information. The disclosure information that is relevant to the work should be in larger font and bolded and the speaker should give a summary of this information prior to beginning their presentation.
- To present a carefully planned, well organized, and rehearsed paper in 8 minutes.
- To illustrate major points with properly prepared visuals and/or examples.
- To respond directly to questions raised in the discussion.
- Presenters are required to use generic names instead of corporate brands when presenting.
- An individual employed by an ACCME-defined “commercial interest” should present on the basic science research (e.g., pre-clinical research, drug discovery) or the processes/methodologies of research, themselves unrelated to a specific disease or compound/drug. In these circumstances, the faculty, if an industry employee, will be not be permitted to present content that is related to clinical applications of the research/discovery or clinical recommendations concerning the business lines or products of their employer.

PREPARING THE PRESENTATION

- You will have 8 minutes to present your work, and 4 additional minutes for questions and answers.
- Be prepared to tie in relevance at the end of your presentation.
- You are required to electronically send your presentation to the audiovisual company (PSAV) at least 1 week before the meeting. You will receive an email when the site is ready to begin accepting presentations.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS REQUIREMENTS

- All presentations must be created using PowerPoint. The minimum version preferred for both PC and Mac is PowerPoint 2011 or newer.
- All disclosure information must appear on the first slide.
- Slides should not indicate or identify any commercial company, hospital, department, or practice affiliation. Affiliations may be listed on the title slide, but not throughout the presentation.

TIPS FOR DELIVERY OF THE PRESENTATION

- Sound systems in large meeting rooms produce echoes. To be understood, you must speak slowly and deliberately. If you speak at your normal conversational rate, your words will run together and become unintelligible.
- A good approach is to plan your talk for eight minutes and then consciously slow it down while presenting.

STAYING ON SCHEDULE

- As noted above, each presentation is limited to 8 minutes. Session moderators are asked to strictly adhere to this time limit so as to treat all presenters fairly and to avoid impinging on subsequent sessions.
- Respond to questions succinctly.
- After the presentation, unless instructed otherwise, the presenter will have four minutes to answer questions from the floor and from the moderators. No invited discussants will participate.

ONSITE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

- Check in with the moderators prior to the beginning of the session.
BEFORE YOU GO ‐ DEADLINES PRIOR TO MEETING

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PUBLICATION AND CITATION INFORMATION
The abstracts will also be published online at Neurology.org in April. Information on how to cite 2020 Annual Meeting abstracts will be available online at AAN.com after the Annual Meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

AAN STATEMENT ON COMMERCIAL INTEREST PRESENTERS
The content of the accredited CME activity is limited to basic science research (e.g., pre-clinical research, drug discovery) or the processes/methodologies of research, themselves unrelated to a specific disease or compound/drug. In these circumstances, the faculty, if an industry employee, will not be permitted to present content that is related to clinical applications of the research/discovery or clinical recommendations concerning the business lines or products of their employer.

Speaker (including directors, faculty, co‐chairs, and abstract authors) and industry (any entity producing, marketing, re‐selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients) and their third‐party representative guidelines

For AAN speakers:

- Directors are responsible for selecting speakers without influence from industry.
- Content creators are responsible for creating program content without influence from industry.

For industry employees and/or their third‐party representatives:

- Industry employees cannot be AAN award recipients.
- Industry employees cannot serve as course directors.
- Industry employees cannot serve on CME content‐creating committees (including the Meeting Management Committee, Science Committee, Education Committee, Conference Subcommittee, Abstract Reviewers and Topic Workgroups).
- Industry employees cannot serve as plenary session speakers.
- Persons, exhibitors, companies, or organizations must not display or demonstrate products, processes, or services; solicit orders; or distribute advertising materials anywhere in the exposition facility (outside of the Exhibit Hall) or in any hotel contracted by the AAN. This includes all programming areas (such as courses, poster and platform sessions, experiential learning areas, and AAN‐associated events). The AAN does not allow industry promotion/advertising within 125 yards of the Convention Center or the Headquarters Hotel(s).
- Industry employees are permitted to be abstract authors.
• Industry employees responsible for creating content for CME activities (e.g., courses, platform sessions) may serve as course faculty and/or session speakers, provided that it falls into one of the following three categories:
  1. The content of the CME activity is not related to the business lines or products of their employer.
  2. The content of the accredited CME activity is limited to basic science research (e.g., pre-clinical research, drug discovery) or the processes/methodologies of research, themselves unrelated to a specific disease or compound/drug. In these circumstances, the faculty, if an industry employee, will not be permitted to present content that is related to clinical applications of the research/discovery or clinical recommendations concerning the business lines or products of their employer.
  3. Industry employees can participate as technicians in accredited CME activities that teach the safe and proper use of medical devices. In this circumstance, industry employees do not serve as faculty and cannot provide clinical recommendations concerning the business lines or products of their employer.

In instances where a company may be providing support for an Annual Meeting program:

• Industry supporters and/or their third-party representatives cannot create or influence content for education and scientific presentations.
• Industry supporters and/or their third-party representatives cannot supplement faculty travel expenses.
• Industry supporters and/or their third-party representatives cannot approach education and scientific program faculty concerning conference reports or other program summaries.
• Industry supporters and/or their third-party representatives cannot create any promotional materials (print, digital, social media, or otherwise) in relation to AAN education and/or science programs, including courses, posters and platform sessions, experiential learning areas, and AAN-associated events.

JOIN THE AAN TODAY AND SAVE ON REGISTRATION

Join the AAN today and you’ll save on registration, housing, travel, and more at the next Annual Meeting. As an AAN member you’ll not only save on your Annual Meeting costs, but you’ll also be able to take advantage of other great Academy benefits online through the AAN website. Reap benefits, including a subscription to the journal Neurology®, discounts on AAN products, services, and events; and access to colleagues through the exclusive AAN Online Member Directory. Learn more about member benefits and savings at https://www.aan.com/membership/join-the-aan/.

MULTIPLE ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS

If you had more than one abstract accepted, we ask that you consider having a co-author present one of the abstracts. If you are unable to present your poster, but are able to have a co-author present, please contact Laura Southwick at lsouthwick@aan.com.

WITHDRAWING AN ABSTRACT

Withdrawal requests are permitted until April 16, 2020. However, not all withdrawals will be reflected in print or online publications depending on when the withdrawal request is made. Under only extraordinary circumstances should you withdraw your presentation. If you are unable to find a replacement and must withdraw an abstract, AAN staff should be notified at lsouthwick@aan.com. Please include the abstract title, ID number, and the presenter’s name. Authors should also provide reasoning for the withdrawal. Authors not notifying AAN staff of withdrawal, notifying AAN staff after April 16, 2020, or not providing a appropriate reason for withdrawal will be subject to sanctioning per the Science Committee. Because of the limited number of abstracts that are able to be accepted, authors are expected to make all efforts to attend the AAN Annual Meeting to present their accepted abstract. Your payment will not be refunded if you withdraw your abstract. Last-minute emergency cancellations during the Annual Meeting should be communicated to AAN staff in Meeting Administration.

NON-SANCTIONED HIGHLIGHTS

An increasing number of commercial organizations are offering highlights (unofficial communications) of annual meetings, including that of the American Academy of Neurology. At times, individuals from these organizations may indicate that they have some
relationship with the Academy, and will ask for you to provide illustrations or tables, or major elements of your presentation for inclusion. While it is the goal of the Academy to bring material presented at the Annual Meeting before the public and the profession, please know that any communication regarding your presentation will only come from the AAN or its official vendor partners (that will be clearly noted as such), and not an outside organization. Abstract Presenters participating in such unofficial communications without AAN consent may face sanctions by the Science Committee. Moreover, you should know that if you allow extensive inclusion of material in any commercial presentation, you might jeopardize the potential to have this material published in a peer-reviewed journal, such as Neurology.