

SPA Annual Meeting Session/Submssion Descriptions

Symposia: These sessions are continuing education bearing. Although they are open to all attendees, they are approved for their appropriateness in satisfying the continuing education needs of doctoral-level psychologists in the U.S. Generally, symposia presentations will be given by senior individuals in the field. Symposia proposal forms are available.

Integrated Paper Sessions: These sessions entail the presentation of a series of papers in which presenters make an effort to integrate the content of the papers with one another. Integration can be achieved in a number of ways. For example, presenters may comment on one another's papers through the session. Alternatively, a discussant may provide a commentary integrating the material in the papers. Continuing education credits are not given. Presenters may cover a range from student to seasoned professional. Integrated paper sessions require joint submission of papers. For this year, the symposia form may be used. Events that are not accepted as symposia will be considered for integrated paper sessions. However, please note that the number of integrated paper sessions is very limited.

Paper Sessions: These sessions involve the presentation of individually submitted papers, which can focus either on research or clinical cases. The Program Chair will group the papers into some topic area such as "Diagnostic Validity Studies." Presenters may cover a range from student to seasoned professional.

Poster Sessions: For this event, presenters will prepare a visual depiction of a study, case analysis, or other type of material relevant to personality assessment.

Thematic Posters: When a group of presenters are presenting on a given topic, or doing variations on one program of research, they may wish to present their posters together (i.e., in the same time slot in a shared space). Submission of poster proposals should occur together.