



**Call for Proposals**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference**  
**5-9 April, 2014 – Florence, Italy**

We are pleased to announce the call for submissions for the 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference to be held 5-9 April, 2014. The conference will take place in beautiful Florence, Italy. The theme of this year's conference is ***Fostering Collaboration through Schizophrenia Research***. The meeting will take place at the Firenze Fiera Congress Center.

We are currently soliciting submissions for symposia, independent oral presentations and poster presentations.

The Organizing Committee has determined the following categories for submission:

1. Adverse Events
2. Animal Models
3. Brain Imaging
  - a. structural
  - b. functional
  - c. spectroscopy
4. Biomarkers
5. Children and adolescents
6. Clinical Trials
7. Cognition
8. Collaboration between Academia & Industry
9. Co-morbid Conditions
10. Diagnostic Issues
11. Electrophysiology
12. Epidemiology
13. Ethical Issues
14. Genetics
15. Health Economics
16. High-risk Research
17. Negative Symptoms
18. Neuropathology
19. Neurobiology & Neurochemistry
20. Neuropsychology
21. Neurophysiology
22. Neurodevelopment
23. Non-pharmacological treatments
24. Outcome
25. Phenomenology
26. Prodromal
27. Psychosocial Functioning
28. Psychopharmacology
29. Quality of Life
30. Services Research
31. Substance abuse co-morbidity
32. Other

## Abstract Submission Process

Proposals for symposia, independent oral presentations and poster presentations must be submitted online at the following link: <https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=VZOEAMGW>

You will be instructed to create an account using the instructions on the log-in page. After you log-in, there will be step-by-step instructions on how to submit your proposal.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**DEADLINE for Symposia Submission: Tuesday, 24 September 2013, 11:59pm Central Time**

**DEADLINE for Travel Fellowship Applications: Monday, 21 October 2013, 11:59pm Central Time**

**DEADLINE for Oral Presentation Abstracts: Tuesday, 3 December 2013, 11:59pm Central Time**

**DEADLINE for Poster Presentation Abstracts: Tuesday, 3 December 2013, 11:59 Central Time**

*Please click on each of the following submission types to see submission guidelines and instructions.*

#### Symposia Presentations:

Moderately formal 2 hour panel session with a maximum of 6 participants. Each symposia must have a chair and a discussant. If the chair elects to have 5 speakers in the session, the chair can participate as one of the speakers or the discussant. The discussant may not be a speaker or include any slides for the presentation.

#### Independent oral presentations:

1 presenter, but may have multiple authors. The presentations will be 10 minutes with another 5 minutes for discussion. When submitting an oral presentation, submitters will be given the opportunity to elect that the presentation, if not accepted, can be presented as a poster.

#### Poster Presentations:

1 presenter, but may have multiple authors. There are three scheduled Poster Sessions during the 2014 meeting.

#### Travel Award Fellowship Applications:

Candidates must indicate an interest in schizophrenia research and, if possible, provide evidence of continuing and future involvement and activity in the field. Individuals must be graduate students, residents, fellows or new/young faculty members that have completed their last training in the last 5 years. Candidates who are members of an ethnic minority group or from a low income country, underrepresented in biomedical science areas, are strongly encouraged to apply. **Awardees are required to submit a poster or oral presentation abstract.** Awardees will also participate in the meeting as rapporteurs of oral sessions and their reports will be edited into a published summary of the congress after it occurs.

***\*The number of roles an individual may have in symposia sessions and/or oral presentations will be limited to three (3), the three roles include being a presenter, chair, co-chair or discussant. Furthermore, speaking roles are limited to a maximum of two per speaker.***