



Call for Submissions 9th SSSP Conference

May 19-21, 2022

Limassol, Cyprus

The Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy (SSSP) invites submissions for the 9th biennial meeting that will be held at the St Raphael Hotel in Limassol, Cyprus, provided that it will be possible to have in person meetings. The meeting will take place between May 19-21, 2022. The program will allow online participation and remote content access. But that is not all: The conference will be preceded by pre-conference workshops on May 18 and a student event in the evening of May 18, 2022!

The Executive Committee and the 2022 Program Committee, co-chaired by Melina Nicole Kyranides (co-chair) and Stephane De Brito (co-chair), invite submissions for the 9th SSSP meeting in Limassol, Cyprus. The society encourages submissions from researchers at all career stages including graduate and undergraduate students. The information below explains the 2022 submission types and procedures. We ask that you review them carefully and adhere to the submission requirements to ensure smooth operation of the submission, review and decision notification process.

The submission portal will open on **1st October 2021**. The deadline for submissions is **15th January 2022, 11:59 pm EDT / 8:59 pm PDT / 5:59 am CEST (16th January) / 10:59**

am ICT (16th January). We are accepting submissions for posters, oral paper presentations, and themed symposiums. All submissions should be related to empirical or theoretical issues pertinent to psychopathy. We also strongly encourage submissions on applied issues related to psychopathy (e.g., treatment, court assessments, police interrogation/investigation, etc.). Decision notifications will be sent by **1st February 2022.**

See below for submission guidelines for the 2022 SSSP conference as well as for practical information on the conference venue. We are looking forward to your submissions and seeing you in Cyprus or online!

I. Submission Guidelines

Submission of a proposal implies a commitment to virtually or physically attend the conference and deliver the presentation if it is accepted. All attendees and presenters are required to register for the conference.

Anonymized proposals will be accepted or rejected on the basis of the program committee review.

Eligibility:

SSSP Full, Associate, Student, and Affiliate Members are eligible to present in the Conference program. Non-members can present only if the presentation is co-authored by a Full or Associate member. All presenters must register for the conference.

Types of Presentations:

- Posters are the principal format appropriate for the presentation of empirical results.
- Oral Paper Sessions are appropriate for groups of 3 to 4 related empirical or theoretical papers. The program committee will group paper submissions into the sessions. Depending on the number of submissions, authors may be asked to present in a poster session.
- Symposia are submitted by a moderator and include 3 to 4 related paper presentations. A discussant is not required.

Please note that SSSP has a long-standing tradition of accepting no more than one first-authored paper per person, unless the second paper is an invited one.

Required Materials for All Submissions:

1. Title of submission
2. Name of each author and institution/organization
3. Email address for each author
4. For Poster submissions

- An abstract of up to 250 words that describes the problem, the methods, and summarizes the main findings and implications.
5. For Paper submissions
 - An abstract of up to 250 words for Paper submissions that describes the problem, the methods, and summarizes the main findings and implications
 6. For Symposia submissions
 - The moderator should provide an abstract of up to 150 words that summarizes the symposium
 - Each presenter should also provide an abstract of up to 250 words that describes the problem, the methods, and summarizes the main findings and implications

Priorities for Paper and Symposia Submissions:

As the Society and biennial conference continues to grow in size, we anticipate that we will be unable to accept many high-quality presentations. Thus, our goal is to be transparent with the review process and the priorities for the program.

Our priorities for the 2022 program are to highlight diverse views and research studies that are methodologically rigorous and provide *novel* perspectives on the study of psychopathy. We also strongly encourage submissions on *applied* issues related to psychopathy (e.g., treatment, court assessments, police interrogation/ investigation, etc.) and/or to relate theoretical insights and empirical findings to implications for *practice*.

Therefore, beyond the merit of each submission, the following points will be considered in creating the final program:

- *Diverse view* - Submissions, particularly symposia, that present diverse views from different labs and using various methodologies will be prioritized;
- *Diverse approaches and samples* - Presentations will be selected to balance the different types of approaches (e.g., psychometric, treatment/prevention, biological, risk factor) and samples (e.g., forensic, community, high risk, child, adult) used. Symposia that cut across approaches, samples and age periods are of great interest;
- *Novelty and methodological rigor* - Presentations that address topics not recently covered in previous conferences and not already published will be prioritized. Presentations that contain preliminary or final results will also be prioritized.

Evaluation Criteria for Submissions:

Submissions will be evaluated by the program committee across several dimensions. These dimensions are consistent with the past SSSP conference and NIH review criteria with additional evaluation of the points above (i.e., diverse views, diverse approaches, and novelty). Submissions will be evaluated on the following dimensions:

- *Significance* of the research to advancing basic and/or practical significance in the understanding of psychopathy;
- *Innovation* and *novelty* for the broad field of the study of psychopathy, and in regard to prior SSSP conference presentations;
- *Approach* of the study: methodological rigor and appropriateness of analyses, including the presentation of results in abstract submissions;
- *Integration* of different perspectives;
- *Diversity* of research lab representation and perspectives, and use of different types of approaches and/or samples.

Scores generated on the above criteria will be used to rank the best submissions. Then, from within the best submissions, we will balance the different types of research and perspectives to provide a diverse and broad conference program.

Five-Minute “Blitz talk” Papers:

The “Blitz talks” will involve timed 5-minute presentations. Each period will be timed allowing for more presentations within a typical presentation talk. The program committee will choose several very meritorious submissions from Paper or Symposia submissions that were not selected for traditional presentations to be part of these 5-minute presentations. Moreover, the program committee will identify several highly meritorious poster submissions to have the opportunity to be part of these five-minute presentations as well. Thus, there is no need to submit for this type of talk, but if you submit any type of presentation, you will be able to indicate if you’d be interested in being considered for this format. All presenters of the Blitz talks will be requested to prepare a poster to supplement their five-minute presentation.

Cheryl Wynne Hare Memorial Award:

The Cheryl Wynne Hare Memorial Award will be awarded to the student (Master's, PhD, graduate) who presents the best poster at the conference. Students who wish to be considered for this award must indicate that when submitting their abstract.

Requirements for applying for the Cheryl Wynne Hare Memorial Award include that the student must be the first author of the submission and only completed studies can be submitted for this award. Posters being considered for the Cheryl Wynne Hare Memorial Award are presented on the first day of the conference. Students submitting for this award must attend this poster session and be available to discuss their work with the Award Committee and other members. In evaluating the submission, the Award Committee will consider both the poster and the discussion with the applicant.

Please note, that you will need to indicate if you are eligible for the Cheryl Wynn Hare Memorial Award at time of abstract submission.

Travel Awards for Early Career Researchers:

Several travel awards, worth between 400 USD and 1000 USD, will be offered to Masters, PhD students, Postdocs and Junior Faculty (more information to follow).

Program Committee

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II. SSSP Biennial Meeting Practical information

The 9th meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy will be held at the St Raphael Hotel (Limassol, Cyprus), provided in-person meetings will be possible and will take place on May 18-21, 2022. We very much look forward to the SSSP community coming together for another meeting with a programme spanning Wednesday (Pre-Conference workshops and Student Event), Thursday morning through Saturday evening (Conference).

COVID-19: The health of SSSP members and their families is of paramount importance to the Executive Board and the 2022 Program Committee. Therefore, due to the ongoing pandemic and its associated risks and uncertainties (e.g., availability and prices of flights, institutional and national restrictions on travel), we are preparing for the possibility that the meeting might be partially or fully online, as the worst-case scenario. At this stage, even if the meeting takes place as a ‘(new) normal’ returns in Cyprus, we appreciate that for some members, it might not be feasible or safe to travel to Cyprus. The Programme Committee would like to reassure SSSP members that we are actively planning for all of the core elements (e.g., Presidential address, keynotes, symposia, and poster sessions) of the meeting to be available online.

Conference Venue:

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We look forward to having you join us in Cyprus!

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