Call for proposals for 2021 SPSSI-SASP Small Group Conference TO RUN ONLINE across North America and Australasia

In light of the continuing COVID-related restrictions on international travel, we go virtual!!

Proposals/Letters of Interest are invited by January 11, 2021 for a small group conference meeting jointly sponsored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) and the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP).

Note change of format: This conference would be conducted virtually/online in 2021.

Successful meetings have been held in Newcastle, Australia in 2019, in Philadelphia in 2018, in Melbourne in 2017, in Ottawa in 2016, and in Brisbane in 2015. Several of these meetings have resulted in well-cited JSI special issues and video-libraries of presentations for larger community’s fruition. Ask Stefania and David for details.

Those interested in submitting a proposal for the 2021 meeting have the option of planning the small group meeting as a pre-conference or post-conference event around other conferences such as SASP (April 2021) or SPSSI (June 2021), but this is certainly not essential. The meeting can take place even very late in 2021.

Feedback/decisions to this round of proposals/letters of interest will be provided to applicants by end of January 2021.

A total of $7,000 in support is available for each meeting as part of a collaboration between SPSSI and SASP. The purpose of the collaboration is to help strengthen links between the two organizations so that members of each may have opportunities to discuss research questions of mutual interest. This series is modelled after the successful SPSSI-EASP small group conference series.

Conference Guidelines

• This program will support one meeting a year.

• Conference themes will be related to social issues and have international relevance (i.e., not focused on intra-national issues).
• At least 80% of persons attending the conference will be members of one or both organizations.

• Representation from the two societies will be balanced: with no more than two-thirds of the participants being members of one of the organizations.

• Each conference will have two (or more) organizers; at least one will be a member of SPSSI and one a member of SASP. Preferably one organizer will be located in Australasia and the other in North America.

• Conference organizers are encouraged to facilitate publication of material on the conference topic through the Journal of Social Issues or SPSSI's book series.

Proposals Guidelines

Fully developed proposals must include:

(1) A cover sheet stating: (a) Title of proposed meeting, (b) Date of proposed meeting, (c) Names, institutional affiliations, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of organizer(s) and (d) preliminary plans to manage technology and differences in times across the two sides of the Atlantic.

(2) A brief summary of why SPSSI and SASP support for a meeting on the topic is suitable and timely, and how SPSSI and SASP members will benefit (no more than three pages).

(3) A list of potential participants and a description of their distribution (e.g. in terms of geographical origin, gender, career stage, topical interests) with an indication of whether participants are associated with SPSSI and/or SASP.

(4) An outlined budget, including how much (if anything) participants would have to pay for registration and costs associated with setting up and run online support.

(5) Some indication of sources of funding (and other forms of support) other than SASP/SPSSI's contribution.

(6) A draft announcement for the SASP Bulletin and SPSSI Newsletter (no more than 300 words).

Questions

Please see the SPSSI / SASP websites for additional details and updates.

Those interested in submitting a proposal are strongly encouraged to send a short email with an Expression of Interest to David Livert and Stefania Paolini so that we can answer any questions and provide assistance in developing your proposal. Full proposals are also to be submitted to Stefania and David.

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