Call for proposals for 2022-23 SPSSI-SASP Small Group Conference in North America or Australasia

Proposals/Letters of Interest are invited by March 1, 2022 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) to take place in either Australasia or North America between July 2022 and June 2023.

Successful meetings have been held in 2019 in Newcastle, 2018 in Philadelphia, 2017 in Melbourne, 2016 in Ottawa and in 2015 in Brisbane.

Those interested in submitting a proposal for the meeting have the option of planning the small group meeting as a pre-conference or post-conference event around the SASP conference (sometimes towards end of 2022) or the SPSSI conference (June 2023), but this is certainly not essential. Feedback/decisions to the first round of proposals/letters of interest will be provided to applicants by March 31, 2022.

A total of US$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 new 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.
• The meeting format should be either in-person or hybrid.
• The meeting should adhere to social distance guidelines recommended by SPSSI for its annual conference.

Proposals Guidelines

Fully developed proposals must include:

1. A cover sheet stating:
   a. Title of proposed meeting
   b. Date of proposed meeting
   c. Location of proposed meeting
   d. Names, institutional affiliations, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of organizer(s).

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, accommodation and food.

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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