

### Session Formats

**Symposia:** A Symposium is a two-hour session during which there are 3-5 presentations of cutting edge science. One popular format is two “basic” lectures and two “clinical” lectures on the same overall subject. Another is an overview lecture on a given topic followed by 3 lectures, each focusing on a specific aspect of the research. Each speaker is given 30 minutes to present, with 5-10 minutes allotted for Q&A.

**Current Issues:** This two-hour session typically has two presenters, each of whom will speak to the issue. The topic is much more focused than that of a symposium. The session could include presentations related to a controversy (each speaker takes a side) or complementary viewpoints. Each speaker is given 35-40 minutes to present, with the remainder of the time period for Q&A.

**Case Studies:** This is a two-hour interactive session with 1-3 speakers presenting case studies and allowing ample time for questions from the audience. Time is divided up among the speakers.

**Oral Presentations:** Oral Sessions are two-hours in length and include 6-8 oral abstract presentations. Oral abstract presentations are 15 minutes in length in which the abstract author presents for 10 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of Q&A.

*Oral Session with State-of-the-Art Lecture:*

If a State-of-the-Art Lecture has been assigned to the Oral Session, the lecturer will present during the first 30 minutes of the session (20-25 minutes, allowing for 5-10 minutes of Q&A), followed by 6 oral abstract presentations. The State-of-the-Art lecturer is a well-known researcher who will focus on his/her current research and set the stage for the research being presented in the 6 abstracts to follow.