

Session Formats

Symposia: Symposia are a two-hour block of time during which there are 3-5 presentations by cutting edge scientists. 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 (ex., PPARs, followed by 3 lectures, each focusing on a specific aspect of the research).


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 be presentations related to a controversy (each person takes a side) or complementary viewpoints.

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

Oral Presentations: This is a two-hour session and includes 6-8 oral abstract presentations. The session may include a State-of-the-Art Lecture. The State-of-the-Art lecturer is a well-known researcher in the field who will focus on his/her current research and set the stage for the research being presented in the 6 abstract presentations to follow.

General Poster Session: This is a two-hour mid-day session that includes poster presentations. Each abstract category is assigned to one of three General Poster Sessions. Poster presenters for the assigned abstract categories will be available at their poster boards to discuss their research for during this session. All posters will be available for viewing for the duration of the Poster Hall, June 26-28, 2010.

President’s Poster Session & Reception: A limited number of posters from each category were selected to be displayed in this prestigious session. During the session presenters will be available at their Presidents Posters, which will be displayed together in a central area of the Poster Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

 Guided Audio Poster Tours (New This Year): Session chairs will lead attendees on one-hour tours in the Poster Hall, sharing their perspectives and highlighting novel or recent developments in Q&A discussion sessions with poster presenters. Each session chair will have a portable microphone to broadcast their discussion with poster presenters, and tour attendees will use headset receivers to listen to the moderated discussion. Between 6-10 posters will be included in each tour. Select posters from all abstract categories will be included in the tours.