Call for Presentations

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International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

ISTSS 31st Annual Meeting

Back to Basics:

Integrating Clinical and Scientific Knowledge to Advance the Field of Trauma

Submissions Accepted:
February 3 – March 17, 2015, 5:00 p.m., CDT

November 5 – 7, 2015 | Pre-Meeting Institutes, November 4

New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

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We invite you to submit to the **ISTSS 31st Annual Meeting.**
The theme is:
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Basic science in the field of stress and trauma has always been a solid platform for the development of new treatments for PTSD. In the past 20 years, research on the effects of trauma and processes of recovery has evolved at great pace and in many different directions. Despite these advances, the vast majority of those affected by traumatic stress still do not receive optimal care. To better understand and treat trauma, we need to better transfer the advances in basic science to clinical applications. What have we learned so far? Have we optimally implemented insights from basic science into clinical practice? What are the challenges in clinical practice that hamper optimal implementation?

Moreover, in this era of exciting technical innovations, scientists have made significant progress in several new research domains that are highly relevant to PTSD, such as neurofeedback, e-health, ambulatory momentary assessments methods, and virtual reality. If successfully translated to the clinical realm, these innovative methods may greatly advance our understanding of PTSD and lead to new evidence-based methods to treat PTSD. For successful implementation of new evidence-based methods in daily practice, mutual exchanges and collaboration between researchers and clinicians are crucial.

With this 31st Annual Meeting, we aim to bridge the gap between science and practice, by encouraging presenters to submit presentations on topics related to the prevention and the effect treatment of trauma and traumatic stress from an *interdisciplinary* perspective. We encourage translational research that transfers advances in basic science to clinical applications, fosters the clinician-researcher dialogue and promotes more interdisciplinary collaborative learning. We particularly welcome submissions from a translational approach covering clinical domains with relevance to stress and trauma (e.g., intrusions, dissociation, sleep, emotional memory and learning, avoidance and repetitive negative thinking), thereby integrating basic research with clinical practice. We welcome both submissions that synthesize state-of-the-art knowledge and feature *innovative* developments relevant for the field of PTSD.

Overall, we encourage presenters to think about in what way their presentation will help to bridge the gap between basic research and clinical practice.

Compelling Topics Related to the Theme Include:

- Proposals on specific symptom domains, such as intrusions, sleep, dissociation, emotional memory and learning, avoidance, repetitive negative thinking and dissociation
- Proposals on innovative psychological interventions, such as neuro-feedback, virtual reality and e-health
- Proposals on innovative pharmacological interventions, combined with psychotherapy
- Proposals combining basic/clinical research with policy implications for reducing trauma and its impact
- Proposals combining basic/clinical research with policy implications for preventing trauma and its consequences
- Proposals integrating neurobiological research with psychological or pharmacological interventions

Submissions on other topics relevant to the traumatic stress field are always welcome. New members, active members, non-members and students are invited to submit proposals and attend the meeting. International participation is strongly encouraged.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. See you in New Orleans!

Learning Objectives

Meeting participants will be able to:

1. Discuss insights from basic science that contribute to a better understanding of trauma and its consequences
2. Identify innovative methods in the field of trauma that can enhance treatment response in trauma-exposed persons
3. Describe ways that innovations in conceptualization, research methods and practices help clinicians to tailor treatments to groups or individuals

On behalf of the scientific committee/organizing committee:

Bernet Elzinga, PhD, Chair, *Scientific Committee*

Christian Schmahl, MD, Co-Chair, *Scientific Committee*

Joanne Davis, PhD, Chair, *Organizing Committee*

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About ISTSS

ISTSS is an international, interdisciplinary professional organization dedicated to promoting advancement and exchange of knowledge about traumatic stress.

The ISTSS Annual Meeting is:

- A place where professionals from all over the world connect to strengthen collaborative relationships that advance the trauma field
- A forum for sharing new research, clinical strategies, public policy concerns and theoretical formulations of trauma and its consequences
- A cross-discipline and global assembly of professionals and students who are committed to understanding and treating trauma and its impact

Who Should Attend?

- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Researchers
- Administrators
- Victim advocates
- Journalists
- Clergy

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Full Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Boston University School of Medicine and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS). Boston University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.*™

The meeting will also offer CE credits in psychology, counseling, social work marriage/ family therapy, alcohol and drug counseling and nursing.

Registration – Join ISTSS and Save

Participation in the ISTSS 31st Annual Meeting is limited to registered attendees. Online registration will be available in July 2015. Join ISTSS today – members receive discounted registration.

Travel Grants

The ISTSS Travel Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible speakers from developing countries.

Questions?

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