

CALL FOR PAPERS

61st Annual Parapsychological Association Convention

Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS),

Petaluma, California | August 2–5, 2018

The 61st Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association (PA) will be held from Thursday, August 2, 2018, through Sunday, August 5, 2018, at the **Institute of Noetic Sciences** in Petaluma, California (USA).

The **deadline** for the receipt of papers submitted for presentation at the convention is **Monday March 5th, 2018**. Submissions received after this date will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. Abstracts of accepted submissions other than workshops will be included in the convention booklet, provided that they are received before the deadline.

All submissions to the 2018 PA convention must be submitted electronically (as a “.doc” file, if possible). They should be emailed, as attachments, to the chair of the Program Committee, Everton Maraldi at convention_program@parapsych.org. Authors who do not have ready access to email should contact Maraldi prior to submitting a paper, either by mail: Everton Maraldi, University of São Paulo, Institute of

Psychology, Department of Social and Work Psychology, 1721 Av Prof Mello Moraes, Butantã, postal code 05508-030, Brazil, or by phone call to 55 11 9847 53157.

Preparation of Submissions

The PA Board of Directors determined in 2009 that papers presented at the convention will no longer be published by the PA. Instead, the convention booklet will consist of paper *Abstracts* only. The purpose of this policy is to encourage publication of our material in professional journals. However, submitted papers will still be peer reviewed and they should be submitted using this template: <https://tinyurl.com/y94533uh>

There is no length limitation for submitted papers, but they should include sufficient information for referees to judge the paper’s adequacy. The paper must be accompanied by an abstract, which will be published in the booklet. For some submission categories, only an abstract is needed. Please use this template if you

	Full paper	Research Brief	Poster	Symposium	Panel discussion	Workshop
Time allotment (including discussion)	30 min.	15 min.	n/a	up to 90 min.	60-90 min.	60-90 min.
Submission format	full paper	full paper	full paper	full papers	500 word abstracts	500 word abstracts
Eligibility	public	public	public	only PA Professional & Associate Members	only PA Professional & Associate Members	only PA Professional & Associate Members

are submitting just an abstract: <https://tinyurl.com/y9h3yhf9>

Anyone may submit a full paper, poster, or research brief for consideration by the Program Committee. The paper may be on any aspect of parapsychology. They may also report field work or case studies relevant to parapsychology.

Papers submitted for presentation should be accompanied by information about any audio-visual aids required. If a paper has multiple authors, the submitted paper should indicate which author will give the presentation. *In absentia* presentations will be allowed in very exceptional circumstances. Indicate in a cover letter or email the presentation category for your paper.

Student Members of the PA participating in the convention may be eligible for travel assistance through the Robert L. Morris Student Travel Grant Program. Additional information and application materials are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/y9ju5bo5>

Note that the abstracts accompanying accepted papers will be published in the convention booklet and on the PA website, and videos of the convention presentations will be uploaded to a section of the PA website available only to members. The first author's email address will be published in both places with a notification that an electronic copy of the full paper can be obtained from the author. Those who present such papers at the Convention are expected to honor such email requests. In recognition of the lengthy time interval between the original submission and the Convention, the article sent in response to such requests may be an updated or expanded version of the original. Abstracts of full papers and posters may also be published in the *Journal of Parapsychology*.

Full papers should be of sufficient depth for a 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion. The Program Committee will not consider proposals for research that have not yet been carried out, nor will the Committee consider papers already published in English prior to the Convention. Recent papers that have been previously published in a language other than English are acceptable provided that the paper is translated and submitted in English. Abstracts accompanying full papers must be between 400 and 1200 words. If the paper is not destined for eventual journal publication, it is recommended that the abstract be longer rather than shorter.

Posters are papers or other materials presented in summary form on poster board in a room near the convention floor. Poster sessions are appropriate for

short papers, material that is particularly amenable to visual displays (e.g., demonstration of equipment or techniques), or highly technical papers that cannot be communicated effectively in a brief lecture format to a general scientific audience. Authors who want their papers presented in a poster session should pay particular attention to preparation of visual materials. Copies of photographs to be used in the poster may be included with the submission. Otherwise, the submission requirements are the same as for full papers.

Symposia consist of formal presentations on related topics. Proposals for symposia should include a summary sheet indicating title, chairperson, participants, order of presentation, and proposed time allotment (up to 90 minutes, including discussion periods). Symposia submissions must include full papers plus abstracts from each of the participants, prepared according to the instructions presented above. Only PA Professional and Associate Members may propose a symposium, but non-members may participate in the symposium.

Research briefs are short papers reporting recently completed work or research in progress. The brief should be adequately summarized within a 15-minute presentation, including time for questions. Abstracts for research briefs must be between 400 and 500 words.

Panel discussions and workshops. Only PA Professional and Associates Members may propose a panel discussion or workshop. Panel discussions are intended to maximize spontaneous interactions among panelists and between panelists and the audience. They should not be used to report original data or analyses. Panel discussions could range from 60 to 90 minutes, and the chairperson should provide for substantial discussion time. Proposals should include a summary sheet that lists the panel title, chairperson, panelists (at least four), order of presentation, and time allotments, as well as an abstract of up to 500 words from each panelist. Submitters are encouraged to set up panel discussions in a debate format.

Workshops are informal discussions of specific topics. Proposals for workshops should include a summary sheet listing the title, chairperson, other presenting participants, type of activity, and a description of the intended content not exceeding 500 words.

For any assistance with your submission, please contact the Program Chair at: convention_program@parapsych.org