



International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience

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Call for proposals - ISAN 2023

The Executive Committee of the International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience (ISAN) hereby calls upon its members for formal proposals to host the 13th Congress of ISAN in 2023.

Background

Each ISAN congress brings together basic scientists and clinicians with an interest in Autonomic Neuroscience. Previous meetings have been held in: Cairns [Australia; 1997], London [United Kingdom; 2000], Calgary [Canada; 2003], Marseille [France, 2005], Kyoto [Japan, 2007], Sydney [Australia, 2009], Buzios [Brazil, 2011], Giessen [Germany, 2013], Stresa [Italy, 2015], Nagoya [Japan, 2017] and Los Angeles [USA, 2019].

The 12th Congress will be returning to Cairns in 2021. ISAN meetings generally attract around 400 registered participants. More information can be found on the society web site:

www.autonomicneuroscience.info. Questions should be sent to the President, Prof Kalyanam Shivkumar (Email: kshivkumar@mednet.ucla.edu) or the International Secretary, Dr Keith Brain (int_sec@autonomicneuroscience.info).

Application Process. There is no specific form for this call, but all proposals should include:

- a) A list of 1-3 proposers, who would be expected to form the core of a local organizing committee. At least one of these must be a member of ISAN.
- b) A brief outline (less than 1 A4 page) summarizing the experience the proposers have in running meetings of a comparable size or complexity.
- c) A location, proposed venue (or venues) and preliminary dates (based on previous meetings, popular dates would be between June and late-September 2023).
- d) An outline of the accommodation options for delegates and transport options to and from the proposed venues.
- e) A preliminary budget, including expected registration and typical accommodation costs on the basis of 300 participants. Note that a modest seed loan (<\$AUD20k) may be available from ISAN, particularly to cover the deposit for the conference venue.
- f) Any other information that the proposers feel would strengthen their case. This might include:
 - A proposal to jointly host the meeting with a local, regional or international society. For example, recent meetings have very successfully co-hosted with the European Federation of Autonomic Nervous System Societies (EFAS), the American Autonomic Society (AAS) and the Japan Society for Neurovegetative Research (JSNR), yet other meetings have run independently.
 - An outline of why the particular proposal would be of strategic interest for the field of Autonomic Neuroscience or the aims and objectives of ISAN.
 - A meeting theme (optional).
 - A description of local attractions.

ISAN membership fees (currently \$US75; reduced to \$US25 for postdocs/students) should be included in the overall conference fee, although this will not be payable when those attending are a member of a society jointly hosting the meeting.

Consecutive meetings are usually (but not necessarily) in different regions of the world. Those planning a meeting may also wish to discuss proposals with their ISAN regional representatives.

Abstracts will be hosted after the meeting on the ISAN website (autonomicneuroscience.info)

Deadline for Proposals

All submissions should be sent by email to the International Secretary (int_sec@autonomicneuroscience.info) by **Monday 31st January 2020**.

Assessment

All submissions received by the deadline will be considered by the full executive committee and the successful proposers notified well before the next ISAN congress, at which the successful proposers will be expected to present a brief overview of the winning bid.