

Special Call for Presenters

SJDM/SMDM research exchange

Presenters are sought for special symposia this year at the annual meetings of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making (SJDM) and Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM) supported by a conference grant from the National Science Foundation Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences Program to Alan Schwartz (SMDM meeting co-chair) and Craig McKenzie (SJDM meeting chair). **The format of these symposia will be somewhat unusual – please read the complete information below.**

Each symposium will feature three presentations by pairs of researchers. Each pair will consist of a member of SJDM and a member of SMDM who share related interests and who will be identified and paired together by June 30, 2009.

The session at SMDM will be entitled “Connections with Judgment and Decision Making.” The focus of the symposium will be recent work in basic JDM that connects with MDM work but has not been widely disseminated in the MDM literature. Each SJDM presenter will be paired with an SMDM researcher whose applied work complements the basic work of the SJDM researcher, and these research pairs will present together at the SMDM symposium. For example, dual process models of judgment and decision making have recently begun to receive more attention in medical decision science; an SJDM investigator whose work focuses on the implications of dual processing could be paired with an SMDM investigator studying diagnostic decision making by emergency physicians.

The session at SJDM will be entitled “Connections with Medical Decision Making.” The focus of the symposium will be recent work in medical decision making that connects with JDM work but has not been widely disseminated in the basic decision literature. For example, methodological approaches to the assessment of health-related utility rarely resemble the methods used by psychologists or behavioral economists to measure utility for monetary gains and losses; an SMDM investigator who studies the implications of utility assessment for medical decision analyses could be paired with an SJDM investigator who develops descriptive utility theory that would have important ramifications for utility assessment processes.

At each meeting, the symposium will last 90 minutes, and consist of three 20 minute presentations (including a 5-minute question period), followed by a 30 minute period of broader discussion between the audience and the panel of speakers.

Members of SJDM who wish to present at SMDM or members of SMDM who wish to present at SJDM should apply using the submission system at <http://decision.cybermango.org>. **Submissions must be received by June 7, 2009 for fullest consideration.**

Abstracts will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee including members of the SJDM and SMDM program committees. Criteria for selection of the three guest speakers will include scientific and intellectual merit of the abstract, breadth and significance of the topic within its "source literature" (i.e., for medical decision science abstracts presented at SJDM, importance of the topic within medical decision making is a criterion; for basic decision science abstracts presented at SMDM, importance within basic judgment and decision making is a

criterion), and the ability of the session chairs to identify a presentation partner from the host society. In selecting speakers for each meeting, preference will also be given to selecting and supporting speakers who do not typically attend the meeting, and consideration will be given to ensuring representation of underrepresented minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Up to \$1500 per guest speaker for travel and lodging will be provided, along with complimentary meeting registration.

Presentation partners in the host societies will be chosen based on complementarity of research, and the interest of the partners in synthesizing, translating, and connecting the works of the two fields. For presentation partners, registration at their host meeting will be complimentary.

Presenters must be available to travel to the meeting for which they apply and must consent to videorecording, audiorecording, and/or transcription of the symposium for the world-wide web.

SMDM annual meeting information

October 18-21, 2009

Renaissance Hollywood Hotel

Hollywood (Los Angeles), California, USA

<http://www.smdm.org>

SJDM annual meeting information

November 21-23, 2009

Sheraton Boston Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

<http://www.sjdm.org>

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