Abstract Screening Committee
Roles, Requirements, Responsibilities

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How the NBC Abstract Screening Committee (ASC) is Organized

The vice chair of the NBC Scientific Programming Committee chairs the NBC Abstract Screening Committee to ensure that poster abstracts are organized and managed in alignment with the scientific program goals for the meeting.

Tracks

There are three tracks:
- Next in Sequence? Nucleic-Acid-Based Therapies: Current State and Future Promise
- Antibody Therapies: Tackling New Frontiers
- Cell Therapies: The Future of Regenerative Medicine

Each track has the following subtracks:
- Preclinical Discovery/Clinical Pharmacology
- Development/Formulation/Delivery
- CMC/Quality/Regulatory/Analytical, Bioanalytical

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**Track Screening Chair**

**Requirements**
- AAPS membership at time of application and throughout service
- Expertise in specific track
- Active involvement in at least one AAPS Community
- Previous screening chair/track leader experience for AAPS – either as a member of an Abstract Screening Committee or Scientific Programming Committee – is preferred
- Previous experience authoring or coauthoring an abstract accepted by an AAPS meeting is preferred
- Experience screening abstracts for AAPS after 2017 is preferred

The Track Screening Chair role requires daily monitoring of a website to track the progress of the Track Screening Leaders during the screening period – generally a 2-week period. Applicants must be available to do this work **February 25-March 17, 2021**.

Additionally, the Track Screening Chair must participate in two, 60-minute conference calls focused on:
1. Screening Committee Kickoff/Training
2. Wrap-up

**Responsibilities**
- Time commitment as described in the Screening Timeline.
- Daily monitoring of Track Screening Leaders during screening window. Screening begins February 25.*
- Review scored abstracts and make final accept/reject decisions by deadline March 17*.
- Review appeals as necessary.

**Track Screening Leaders**

**Requirements**
- AAPS membership at time of application and throughout service
- Experience in specific track
- Active involvement in at least one AAPS Community
- Previous experience authoring or coauthoring an abstract accepted by an AAPS meeting is preferred
- Experience screening abstracts for AAPS after 2017 is preferred

The Track Screening Leader role requires daily monitoring of a website to track the progress of the screeners during the screening period – generally a 2-week period. Applicants must be available to do this work **February 25-March 17, 2021**.

The Track Screening Leader must participate in two, 60-minute conference calls focused on:

1. Screening Committee Kickoff/Training
2. Wrap-up

**Responsibilities**
- Time commitment as described in the Screening Timeline
- Daily monitoring of screeners during screening, beginning February 25.*
- Provide Recommendations of accept/reject with comments for the Track Screening Chair by Screening Deadline March 16.*
Screeners

Requirements
• Experience authoring or coauthoring an abstract accepted by an AAPS meeting preferred
• Complete online sign-up
• Review screener training documents
• Spend a few hours reviewing recent research before beginning screening

Screeners are assigned abstracts to review based on their scientific area of expertise. All screening must be completed during the screening window, which AAPS anticipates running approximately February 25-March 15, 2021*.

Screeners should expect to spend a few hours familiarizing themselves with recent research in their area of expertise, and then a few minutes looking at each abstract. Total time commitment varies based on the number of abstracts assigned, but is usually 2-3 hours.