

## **Instructions for Submitting a Research Panel**

### **Abstract ID and Password:**

- When you begin an abstract submission, an e-mail message will be sent to you with your abstract ID and password.
- Your ID and password will also be displayed on the left hand of the screen during the submission process.
- Once your submission has been started, you may exit the submitter and return at any time before the abstract deadline using your abstract ID and password.
- While you are submitting an abstract, program organizers can see your work to provide assistance if you encounter any issues.

### **Steps:**

#### **Step 1 – Theme**

- Select the theme that best fits your panel. You may use the theme descriptions (on the left sidebar) to help select the most appropriate theme.

#### **Step 2 – Setup Session**

- Enter your abstract title in title case. Do not end titles with a period.
- Enter the submitter's e-mail address where correspondence should be sent regarding the submission.
- Enter your session overview of 250 words maximum. This should not include presenter names.
- Enter a maximum 50 word session summary that will be used online and in the agenda book.

#### **Step 3 – People**

- Type the chair's name in the provided box and select the check box to designate them as the chair.
- If the author is already in the system, you can select their pre-populated information or update the information from previous years.
- If the author is not already in the system, you will be prompted to create a new record.
- You must include information for all fields with a star.
- To add additional panelists, click the 'add new person' button and designate them as a presenter. You must have at least 2 presenters, but no more than 4 (including an optional discussant). Each presenter must have a corresponding abstract. Enter the title of their individual abstract.
- You can edit the order of the presenters by using the up and down arrows.
- Click on the hyperlinked title next to each presenter's name to add abstract text. You will be guided through 5 steps to submit each abstract.

#### **Step 4 – Disclosure**

- Complete the requested conflict of interest information and electronic signature for each person being included as part of this submission (i.e. chair, discussant, speaker, co-author, co-presenter, etc.).

### **Step 5 – Learning Objectives**

- Complete 2 measurable learning objectives for the submission.

### **Step 6 – Confirmation**

- Review your submission.
- You may return to any step of the process by using the left hand navigation bar.
- You may print your submission at this point.
- Once your abstract is complete, press the 'conclude submission button'.
- You may return to your abstract to review or edit at any point before the January 12<sup>th</sup> deadline using your abstract ID and password.