You are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the 51st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), to be held October 22-25, 2020, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown in Chicago, Illinois.

The Program Committee will review proposals for:

- Audiovisual Sessions
- Panel Discussions
- Workshops
- Courses
- Poster Sessions
- Research in Progress
- Scientific Papers
- Debates (especially encouraged)
- Flash Talks

This year the Program Chairs encourage submissions related to the theme of *Wellness in Forensic Psychiatry*, as well as submissions about correctional psychiatry.

Please note that under the system of accreditation designed by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the purpose of CME is to improve physician competence, physician performance, or patient outcomes. This is accomplished by identifying gaps in physicians’ competence, skills, or performance, and offering medical education to overcome those gaps.

For the 2020 Annual Meeting, the following gaps have been identified:

1. Not practicing forensic psychiatry at the highest level attainable based on current knowledge of the fundamentals of the field
2. Lacking the knowledge of content or technique to teach psychiatrists the fundamentals of forensic psychiatry in the most effective ways
3. Lacking the ability to conduct or assess research in forensic psychiatry

On the abstract form, you will be asked to indicate which of these gaps your submission addresses.

All information on the abstract submission form must be completed. Submissions missing any information will be sent back to the submitter and will not be submitted to the Program Committee unless returned complete. A signed Financial Disclosure form from all authors must be submitted before your submission can be reviewed – no exceptions. All Financial Disclosure forms must have a “live” (not typed) signature.
Submissions must include objectives for improving knowledge, skills, or performance in at least one of the following areas:

1. Service, e.g. treatment of forensic patients, development of service delivery systems and enhancement of consulting skills;

2. Teaching, including new methods of training forensic psychiatrists and clarification of the functions of a forensic psychiatrist;

3. Research, gaining access to new scientific data as well as improved data in areas that form the basis for practice of the discipline.

Proposers must ensure that materials do not violate confidentiality, privacy, or copyright. All necessary IRB approvals must be obtained.

The purpose of our meeting is continuing medical education as defined by the ACCME. Therefore, all submissions must follow the attached instructions. Proposals will be evaluated for scholarly and relevant content by reviewers from the AAPL Program Committee. Audience participation is highly desirable. Slides and handouts should be simple and readable.

Deadline for abstract submissions is **Midnight on Monday, February 3, 2020**. For further information, please call the Academy Office at 800-331-1389.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

Print the Call for Papers before you begin your submission. You will need it for reference.

Signed Financial Disclosure Form(s) from all of your authors must be received before your submission is reviewed.

We encourage you to have a backup of your abstract that you can copy and paste into the abstract text field in case the system times out.

**Link to submit your abstract:**

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The Abstract Submission Form.

Be sure to answer all required questions and scroll past the sections that are not related to your submission. When you enter your authors, enter complete information for all participants, including full name, address, email address and phone. There are fields available for five (5) authors.

Please note that there are additional questions after the author list so be sure to scroll down, as many of the questions require an answer before you can submit your abstract.

Please feel free to contact AAPL Executive Office staff for questions. We are here to help!

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