

# Biophysical Society

## Annual Meeting Attendee Guide

### How to Navigate the BPS Annual Meeting

The Biophysical Society (BPS) Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of biophysicists in the world, bringing together **more than 7,000 researchers** from **over 45 countries**. With over 200 sessions and more than 4,500 poster presentations, it can be overwhelming! Use this Guide to help you get the most from your attendance at this world famous event.

### Planning for the Meeting

Visit the Biophysical Society website ([www.biophysics.org](http://www.biophysics.org)) and click on the Annual Meeting icon. There you will find additional information and online tools to enrich your meeting experience.

#### Explore the Desktop Planner

- Search by day, session type, author, and time
- Create your preliminary schedule
- Sync with your mobile device

#### Download the Mobile App

- Keep your itinerary at your fingertips
- Be notified of any schedule changes
- Email other attendees

#### Access the Complete Abstracts Issue

- Fully searchable and citeable through *Biophysical Journal*

### Social Media

Follow us before, during, and after the Meeting on:



### Social and Networking Events

#### Opening Reception

- Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
- First-Time Attendee Drop-By for help in navigating the meeting

#### Daily Meet-Ups

- Local student and early career attendees available each day at the Society Booth to help you explore local restaurants and neighborhoods

#### Monday Evening Reception

- The place to meet, drink, eat, dance, and socialize with other meeting attendees
- Photo Booth to capture memories
- Lounge with soft music for those who prefer a more quiet atmosphere

#### New Member Welcome

- Opportunity to meet and socialize with new members and members of Society governance and committees

EXHIBITS

RECEPTION

CAREER CENTER

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

MAP YOUR ROAD TO A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

## Scientific Sessions

The BPS Annual Meeting is known for its many types of sessions, often taking place concurrently. Each type has its own distinct scope, format, and speaker makeup.

### Symposia

- Broad topics featuring talks by leading researchers presenting new research
- Four speakers per two-hour session
- Two-to-three held concurrently

### Platforms

- More focused topics selected from among submitted abstracts held concurrently with symposia
- Eight speakers per two-hour session, including younger researchers
- Approximately six held concurrently during each symposium session

### Workshops

- Technique-oriented sessions
- Four-to-eight speakers per two-hour session
- Two-to-four held concurrently on Tuesday evenings

### Posters

- Most interactive and well attended scientific sessions of the meeting
- Poster presentations held Sunday–Wednesday, with no competing scientific programming
- Late abstracts are scheduled each day during the same time as abstracts submitted by the regular deadline

### Subgroup Programs

- Scientific sessions held on the Saturday of the Annual Meeting
- Feature speakers presenting the latest research in biophysics subfields

### National Lecture

- One-hour presentation by a world-renowned biophysicist

## Professional Development

The Annual Meeting includes daily sessions and resources for the professional development of biophysicists at all stages of their careers: undergrads and grad students, early and mid-stage, and senior scientists. These sessions are held before, after, and in-between the scientific sessions.

### Career Center

Open all day, includes job and resume postings, interview scheduling, CV reviews, and job-related workshops

### Breakfasts

For students and postdocs to network and learn about available resources

### Panel Discussions

Expert presentations on career options, guidance on career transitions, funding resources, science policy

### Workshops

On publishing, teaching and science education, social media, grant writing, communication, and outreach

### Exhibits

Over 200 displays of new equipment, publications, and products

### Exhibitor Presentations

Hands-on demonstrations conducted by exhibiting companies of scientific products and their use

POSTERS

WORKSHOPS

SUBGROUPS

[www.biophysics.org](http://www.biophysics.org)

Time & Date	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Time & Date	Wednesday	
7:30 AM–8:30 AM		Postdoc Breakfast	Graduate Student Breakfast	Business Meeting	8:15 AM–10:15 AM	Symposia Platforms	
8:15 AM–10:15 AM	Subgroup Meetings	Symposia Platforms	Symposia Platforms	Symposia Platforms	10:30 AM–12:30 PM	Poster Session	
10:45 AM–12:45 PM		Symposia Platforms	Symposia Platforms	Awards Symposium Platforms			
Mid-day		Career, Education & Policy Sessions				1:00 PM–3:00 PM	Symposia Platforms
1:45 PM–3:45 PM		Opening Mixer & Reception	Poster Session	Poster Session	Poster Session	(Meeting ends at 3:00 PM)	
4:00 PM–6:00 PM			Symposia Platforms	Symposia Platforms	Symposia Platforms		
Evening			National Lecture	Workshops			
			Reception				