

# Association for Research in Otolaryngology 36th MidWinter Meeting Wrap Up

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## Thank You for Joining Us in Baltimore

We invite you to participate in the evaluation survey for the 36th MidWinter Meeting. Your feedback is important in planning for future meetings. As an added incentive for participating in the survey, those completing the survey will be entered into a drawing to receive a complimentary registration to attend the 2014 MidWinter Meeting in San Diego, California.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013\\_MWM\\_Eval](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013_MWM_Eval)

We kindly ask that you complete the survey by Thursday, April 4, 2013. Thanks in advance, we look forward to receiving your feedback.

## Call for Organized Symposium/Workshop Proposals

The ARO Program Committee is now welcoming the submission of proposals for Symposium and Workshops for the 2014 MidWinter Meeting through April 1, 2013. Symposia are organized as a series of oral presentations on a theme. Preference will be given to proposals that strive for timely syntheses across or within existing disciplines or explorations of new approaches that will expand research in new directions. Speakers from outside the usual ARO circle are encouraged insofar as they might contribute a novel perspective. Further, proposals that bridge clinical and basic research are encouraged. **Please note:** As started at the 2013 MidWinter Meeting, Symposia and Workshops will be no more than 2 hours in length overall.

Workshops can be on topics of interest to a focused subgroup of ARO members or might focus on a particular technical innovation. Workshops often are scheduled for late afternoon or early evening.

The Program Committee encourages participation in symposium and workshops by non-U.S. scientists.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INVOLVES JUST ONE STEP:** electronic submission of the downloadable **Symposium and Workshop Proposal form**, by NO LATER than Monday, April 1, 2013, at 5:00 pm (earlier submission is encouraged if possible). The letter should be emailed directly to the Program Committee chair. Notifications of accepted proposals will go out by the end of May.

Please note that the downloadable form includes the following critical pieces of information:

- Name of the organizer with contact information, including email
- The session title
- A brief (<300 word) description of the theme and target audience
- A tentative list of speakers with descriptive titles of their topics. Indicate whether each speaker has been contacted and agreed to participate.
- Whether travel funds will be requested for non-ARO members

Note that a final abstract for each symposium or workshop talk will be due at the regular abstract submission time, September 1 - October 1, 2013.

**Please send proposals to:**

Larry Lustig, MD  
ARO Program Chair  
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What is a Young Investigator Symposium?

The Young Investigator Symposium, similar to the nanosymposia offered at the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting, is an exciting opportunity for young investigators to organize a podium session at the ARO. Talks are given from the platform every 15 minutes with 10-12 minutes of presentation followed by questions. The key differences between a regular podium session and a Young Investigator Symposium are:

- Proposed and organized by the participants rather than by the program committee
- Restricted to junior investigators: Assistant Professors, Faculty < 5 years, and Post-docs
- The talks are thematically related, not just a collection of presentations.
- A minimum of 5 topically related talks are required to create a session.
- To promote diversity, no more than two presentations from any one lab should be included

How do the submitted symposia abstracts differ from normally submitted ARO abstracts?

The abstracts submitted as part of a Young Investigator Symposium will not differ in any way from abstracts normally submitted for the annual meeting, but an earlier submission will allow us to designate these presentations as a Young Investigator Symposium. If your symposium is accepted you will still be required to submit your abstract through the ARO website at the normal time but we will specially designate these abstracts after submission so they are grouped together. If your symposia proposal is not accepted you will still be able to submit your individual abstracts through the normal ARO submission process.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Larry Lustig, Program Committee Chair at: [llustig@ohns.ucsf.edu](mailto:llustig@ohns.ucsf.edu)

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