



Call for Special Interest Sessions Proposals

**ASMB seeks proposals for Special Interest Sessions at the 2018 Biennial Meeting.
Submit your application by February 23, 2018.**

What are SIS?

Special Interest Sessions (SIS) are led by trainees (students or postdocs). SIS should be centered on a fairly focused topic, e.g., “3-D culture systems”, “ECM diagnostics” “Fibronectin”, “ECM Mineralization. The overall goals of the SIS are to provide opportunities for investigators working in closely related areas to exchange new data and ideas. The SIS is an outstanding opportunity for junior investigators to present their work, gain experience in organizing a session, and receive feedback from leaders in the field.

What is the Format of SIS?

Each SIS will have a 90 minute block. The format of the SIS is flexible and can be adjusted to fit the ideas and goals of the organizers. Typically, the format of SIS has been similar to other sessions, with 1 (or more) Discussion Leaders and 3-4 speakers, but any format is OK. It is the responsibility of the SIS organizer to recruit speakers and to communicate the program in a timely manner to either Kendra LaDuca (kladuca@asmb.net) or Lynn Sakai (LYS@shcc.org). Fund raising is not necessary, but can be helpful to support travel costs for your speakers.

When and Where will the SIS be Held?

Space and time has been reserved for three SIS during the ASMB meeting. These sessions will be held at the conference hotel, the Red Rock Canyon Resort. Sessions will be incorporated into the main schedule of the meeting for maximum attendance.

How do I Submit my Proposal? By When?

SIS proposals should include the proposed topic title and format and the names and affiliations of the discussion leaders and speakers (if appropriate). We will be happy to discuss your proposals with you. Send a brief proposal by email to Kendra LaDuca (kladuca@asmb.net) or Lynn Sakai (LYS@shcc.org).

Proposals are due by- **February 23, 2018**

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