



2026 Annual Meeting, presented by IARS and SOCCA
Session Proposal Submission Guidelines

Submission Deadline: July 14, 2025, 11:59pm Pacific Time

Overview

The call for programs supports IARS' commitment to providing rich and diverse programming across all learning channels. There is no shortage of opportunities to elevate the industry and support your colleagues by sharing your insights and successes. Proposals will be reviewed by the Annual Meeting Oversight Committee (AMOC) and staff to thoughtfully populate:

- **Webinars:** one-hour virtual programs that provide timely information and are hosted throughout the year.
- **Sessions at the 2026 Annual Meeting,** including:
 - 60-minute concurrent sessions that include a brief Q&A.
 - 90-minute plenary sessions that offer opportunities for meaningful participant engagement on leadership-level topics.
 - 60-minute PBLDs which facilitate education and instruction
 - Hands On workshops and trainings.

Session Proposal Submission Process

- Proposals must be submitted through the online submission site. **Emailed proposals are not accepted.**
- The Annual Meeting Oversight Committee will review the proposals.
- Proposals will be reviewed in relationship to current practices and future developments in anesthesia. The Annual Meeting Oversight Committee is seeking diverse ideas and perspectives.
- Acceptability of the proposals will be evaluated on the organization and clarity of the proposal content and the relationship of the stated learner objectives relating to the proposal content.
- The submission status notification will be sent in August to the session proposal submitter.

Session Proposal Requirements

- **Speaker Presentation Requirement:** Speakers must be able to present any date and time during the Annual Meeting, held May 1-3, 2026 in Montreal.
- **Speaker Reimbursement Policy:** All Annual Meeting speakers and moderators receive a 50% discounted registration to the Annual Meeting. Registration for the meeting is required. All other related travel expenses are the responsibility of the speaker or moderator.
- **Revisions after the Submission Deadline:** Changes to accepted session proposals (title, content, speakers, etc.) must be submitted via email and will require approval from the Annual Meeting Oversight Committee.
- **Acceptable Session Proposal Formats:**
 - Panel
 - Problem-Based Learning Discussion (PBLD)
 - Symposium
 - Workshop

Session Proposal Submission Form

- **Submitter Disclosure:** All submitters and proposed speakers/moderators are required to submit a disclosure form and to disclose any relevant financial interests. Submissions will not be considered complete until all disclosures have been completed.
- **Submitter Headshot/Bio:** Please update your personal profile with your photo and bio.
 - Proposed speakers and moderators will receive an automatic email asking them to complete their



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headshot, bio, and disclosure forms.

- **Session Title:** The title should clearly identify the main takeaway and convey the rationale for the session.
- **Session Rationale:** Please provide 3-4 sentences to describe the rationale for developing and presenting this session. References are not needed.
- **Learner Objectives:** Please provide 3-4 Learner Objectives for this session (i.e., After participating in this activity, the learner will be able to...).

The IARS strives to elevate continuing education and to achieve better outcomes by addressing identified gaps in knowledge, skills, and/or practices for the target audience using the standards and guidelines of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

Therefore, the IARS requires speakers to develop educational activities that are evidence-based or based on the best available evidence. All CME activities accredited by the IARS must have measurable learner objectives.

- **Session Promotion:** Please provide 2-3 sentences about your session to be used in the promotion of your session at the meeting.
- **Category:** Please select one subspecialty category.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Airway Management ○ Ambulatory Anesthesia ○ Anesthetic Pharmacology ○ Cardiovascular Anesthesiology ○ Critical Care ○ Economics, Education and Policy ○ Geriatric Anesthesia ○ Global Health ○ Liver ○ Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine ○ Obesity ○ Obstetric Anesthesiology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pain Mechanisms ○ Pain Medicine ○ Patient Blood Management ○ Patient Safety ○ Pediatric Anesthesiology ○ Perioperative Anesthesia ○ Regional Anesthesia ○ Respiration ○ Sleep Medicine ○ Technology, Computing and Simulation, Equipment Monitoring ○ Trauma
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- **Area of focus for session:**
 - Basic Science
 - Clinical Science
 - Translational Research

- **Authors/Speakers:** Please add speaker names, institution, contact information, and presentation titles where applicable (panels, innovative sessions, symposia). In order to complete the submission, each proposed speaker/moderator **MUST complete a disclosure form**. **Proposals will not be finalized until each person has disclosed**. Each added speaker/moderator will receive an email directly from the submission site that allows them to log in and disclosure. **All speakers MUST be able to present live in-person at the 2026 Annual Meeting in Montreal.**

Additional Information on Submission Form

- Excluding the IARS Annual Meeting, has this session been presented at any anesthesiology meetings within the past two years?
- Are you submitting this application on behalf of a subspecialty society?
- Does this session address critical care?
- Does this session address patient safety?
- Is this session relevant to junior faculty?
- Please provide 2-3 sentences about your session or presentation to be used in the promotion of your session at



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the Annual Meeting:

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Please identify if the proposed session includes topics and speakers representing diversity and inclusion.
Diversity and inclusion, in all their forms, are essential to the Annual Meeting. We consider diversity comprehensively, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability and disability, age, low resource/income countries, disadvantaged socioeconomic status in high resource/income countries, and other factors that shape creative perspective and professional experience. While diverse representation is not a requirement, it will be taken into consideration in the selection of sessions.
- What gap(s) in current practice does this program address? Please describe briefly.

Session Proposal Presentation Formats

Panels

Panels are lecture-based and 1 hour in length with a moderator and 3 panelists (panel moderators may also speak as panelists). Panelists will speak for approximately 10-15 minutes each on individual topic areas relating to the overall title/theme of the panel, closing with a moderated question and answer period. Standard audio/visual equipment and meeting room sets are provided.

Problem-Based Learning Discussions (PBLDs)

PBLDs are conducted as case-based, problem-oriented, learner-centered discussions with 1-2 speakers. Participants will engage in a didactic case-based learning session with the opportunity to closely interact with the session speaker(s) and attendees. The PBLDs are 1 hour in length with one moderator. Attendance is limited to 12-15 registrants. There is NO audiovisual. *Note: PBLD speakers are responsible for all expenses associated with their sessions, including meeting registration fees and travel to the meeting.*

Symposia

Symposia are lecture-based and up to 1.5 hours in length with a moderator along with 3 speakers (symposia moderators may also speak as speakers). Speakers will speak on individual topic areas related to the overall title/theme of the symposium. Speakers will speak for approximately 45 minutes each, closing with a moderated question and answer period. Standard audio/visual equipment and meeting room sets are provided. Symposia content must be of interest to a broad cross section of anesthesia specialty disciplines. When inviting symposia speakers to participate in your session, please consider both researchers and clinicians.

Workshops

Workshops are lecture and hands-on based sessions that are 1.5-3 hours in length. A moderator, along with **up to 6 speakers** (workshop organizers may also act as a speaker), will provide a lecture as well as demonstrate/hands-on training techniques and skills on topic areas related to the overall title/theme of the workshop. To help ensure a smooth experience, please review the following responsibilities and expectations for workshops carefully before submitting:

Workshop Submitter/Organizer Responsibilities:

- **Securing Equipment**
Presenters are responsible for securing any equipment or materials necessary for their session. Please note that IARS does not have established vendor relationships or local connections to assist with securing equipment; presenters must independently reach out and secure equipment needed. Once secured, please put your company contact in touch with us at meetings@iars.org so we can provide vendors with shipping information.



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- **No Financial Support Provided**

The IARS is unable to provide funding or cover any costs associated with equipment to support your workshop. This includes costs related to rental and shipping.

IARS Responsibilities for Workshops:

- **Room Set & AV**

IARS will provide a session room with a projector, screen, and laptop. The room will be set with 20-30 chairs in theater style near the screen, and space for workshop stations in the back of the room. Due to space constraints, we can only accommodate up to 6 cots/stations.

IARS staff will work with you in advance to finalize your room setup. We will not be able to accommodate changes onsite at the meeting.

- **Medical Models**

If requested, IARS will arrange up to 6 medical models and 6 cots/beds for your workshop.