

**Symposia & Focus Groups – Call for Proposals**  
**Interim Congress (September 22-26, 2005), New Delhi, India**  
**World Federation of Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine Societies**

The World Federation of Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine Societies (WFSRSMS) will hold the Interim Congress at New Delhi during September 22-26, 2005. Proposals are invited from sleep scientists around the world for holding the Symposia and Focus Groups, during the Congress. The theme of the Congress is "Clinical and neurophysiological aspects of sleep". Details of the Congress is available in our website (<http://www.wfsrs2005.org>).

The Scientific Programme Committee would process all applications, as soon as they are received. The proposer will be informed about the outcome, within a month, or earlier than that. Though efforts will be made to accommodate all good proposals, till 20th December 2004, it may not be possible to accommodate late coming proposals, if a proposal on a similar theme has already been approved, or if the slots are not available due to limitations of space and time. ***So, scientists are encouraged to submit their proposals, as early as possible.***

### **SYMPOSIA**

The symposia are designed to review a given topic in a fashion that is oriented to a general audience. Proposals may include both basic and clinical aspects of the subject area, wherever feasible. Symposia proposal should fulfil the need for presenting a coherent and succinct overview of a broad-based topic. They are most appropriate for those areas in the field where a large body of established data exists and a formal review of new data is not only desirable but also timely.

The symposium can have 4 speakers. Time allocated to the symposium is 2 hours. The proposer should be a recognised leader on the topic of the symposium and committed to the scientific development in the field. The speakers are also expected to be leaders in the field, and would present an overview of current research on their speciality. A good part of the presentations should be restricted to the area of their own contribution in the field. They should be able to give a clear and concise view of the relevant subject.

### **FOCUS GROUPS**

The Focus Group aims at informal interactions between all participants. Discussion by the audience will also be encouraged. Focus Group could be utilized when there is a highly specialized area of sleep research or clinical practice that can be best explored in a free wide-ranging discussion. Focus groups will stress on open discussion of new data, techniques, concepts, and

controversial topics in sleep research. They can not only address newly emerging areas, but can also question the established concepts and practices. Thus, the extended examination of controversial issues and the development of new concepts and hypotheses are the objectives of the Focus Groups. Formal presentations will be discouraged to allow creative explorations of the topic. Presentations can be made without visual aids; however where it is required, it should be restricted to two slides.

Focus Groups can have 8 to 10 speakers. Time allocated for each Focus Group is 2-3 hours. The proposer and the speakers are expected to be leaders in the field, and would put forward the arguments primarily on the basis of their own contribution. Individuals can hold open discussions of new data, concepts, techniques and/or theoretical issues. Controversial topics are especially encouraged, since these often provoke the most dynamic discussions.

All speakers of accepted symposia and focus groups are expected to submit abstracts of their talk. The proposals for the Symposia/ Focus Groups should be sent to the Chairman of the International Programme Committee, as early as possible, in the format given below.

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**SYMPOSIA / FOCUS GROUPS – PROPOSALS**

1. SYMPOSIUM / FOCUS GROUP
2. Proposed time (Applicable only for Focus Group) - 2 hours / 3 hours
3. Proposed title
4. Proposer's Name
5. Department
6. Institution
7. Street /Address
8. City, State, Zip
9. Country
10. Tel.No.
11. Fax No.
12. E-mail address
13. The Overall objectives of the Symposium / Focus Group
13. Why the Symposium / Focus Group is timely
14. Society to which proposer is affiliated (Individuals who are not members of any society of WFSRS can indicate the society which is closest to their geographical area)
15. Chairperson of the Symposium / Focus Group
17. Any other information

## LIST OF SPEAKERS

(It is strongly recommended that the consent of the speakers to participate may be obtained)

Sr. No.	Names & addresses of the proposed speakers	Title of the talk	Agreed to participate
1			Yes/No
2			Yes/No
3			Yes/No
4			Yes/No
5			Yes/No
6			Yes/No
7			Yes/No
8			Yes/No
9			Yes/No
10			Yes/No

Date of submission of proposal
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# Special Registration

All the speakers and chairpersons of symposia and focus groups could register for the Congress at a special rate of US \$ 200/-, whereas the early registration fee of all the other delegates is US \$ 350/-. To avail of this privilege, the speakers and chairpersons of symposia and focus groups should fill up the following form and send it along with the draft for US \$ 200/- to the Congress Secretariat before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2005. No cancellation of registration is allowed for this Special Registration, and there will be no refund.

## Registration Form

**(This form is for the speakers and chairpersons of symposia and focus groups only. Registration Form for other delegates will be announced later)**

Name of symposium/focus group:

Surname:

First Name:

Designation:

Institution/Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Town/City:

Country:

Post Code:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

I enclose a bank draft for US \$ 200/- (Rs. 9500) payable to the account of the "WFSRS-2005" at State Bank of India, New Delhi, for registration for the Interim Congress of the World Federation of Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine Societies at New Delhi.

Signature -----

Please send your registration form to the Secretariat, (WFSRSMS Interim Congress), Department of Physiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029, INDIA.