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2021 ANNUAL MEETING

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ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Dear BMES Members,

We have some updates concerning the 2021 BMES Annual Meeting.

BMES is migrating to a new, easier-to-use abstract system. Under normal circumstances, we would have opened abstracts in February. This year, we won't open them until the first week of April. However, we want to give everyone the chance to submit their research, and so we're giving you the heads up now to be ready by the time the portal opens for submissions.

As previously announced, due to continued COVID-19 public health and safety concerns, the BMES Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Co-Chairs have decided to plan for a hybrid approach to #BMES2021. We are working together to prioritize our attendees' health, safety, and welfare while ensuring both components deliver the quality program you expect of BMES.

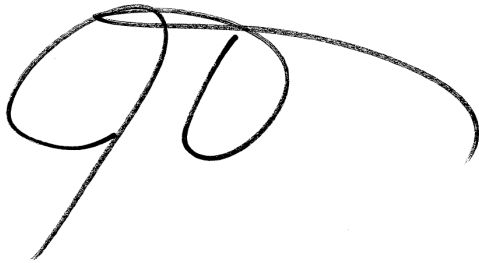
Once registration opens, you will have the option to attend the meeting in-person or virtually. We will be transparent about each experience, regardless of which you choose.

In-Person Option: The in-person option will grant you full access to #BMES2021. **Due to COVID-19 public health and safety concerns, we are closely following the CDC guidelines for meetings, and for now, that means we will have to limit our in-person attendance and grant access to the in-person meeting on a "first-come-first-served" basis.**

But keep in mind that it's only March, and we expect a lot of things will change between now and October. We will keep you updated as the CDC guidelines are updated, so make sure you keep watching out for updates. More information about registration is coming soon!

Virtual Option: The virtual option will grant you restricted access to #BMES2021, but you'll still have opportunities to feel like you're with us in Orlando! Plenary sessions will be available through a live stream in addition to a selection of oral presentations and posters. Participants will have access to virtual networking activities, including poster sessions and the ability to engage with exhibitors and sponsors in the virtual exhibit hall.

The BMES Annual Meeting is our premier annual event where our members gather to learn, share research, network, and so much more. We are all eager to meet again for what is sure to be one of the most important meetings in BMES history. Thank you in advance for your support of BMES, and we look forward to seeing everyone at #BMES2021, whether it be in-person or virtual!



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