

SEM 2017 CFP Update: 1) Travel Restrictions; 2) New Deadline - 02/22/17

Please note the following two changes to the Call for Proposals for the SEM 2017 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, on the October 26-29:

1) SEM recognizes the disruption to international travel caused by the [U.S. Executive Order of January 27, 2017](#). In an effort to make its 2017 meeting as inclusive as possible, SEM will grant exemptions to its conference policy that prohibits proxy readings of presentations and video-conferenced presentations. Exemptions will be offered for 2017 to individuals affected by the Executive Order of January 27, 2017. Upon acceptance of their abstracts, individuals wishing to request an exemption from the “live presentation policy” may submit an exemption request through an online form on the SEM website along with confirmation of their intention to participate in the 2017 Annual Meeting. SEM will disseminate a notice about the online form in June, in conjunction with the delivery of abstract acceptance emails.

In June, upon receipt of exemption requests from members whose abstracts have been accepted, SEM will make special arrangements concerning proxy readers, the possibility of video-conferencing (through Skype or other means), and a reduced conference registration fee. A current SEM membership will remain a requirement for all presenters.

SEM strongly encourages abstracts from individuals affected by the U.S. Executive Order and looks forward to wide-ranging dialogue at its 2017 Annual Meeting!

2) Given the above special arrangements, SEM is extending the abstract submission deadline for its 2017 Annual Meeting to 5:00 pm EST, Wednesday, February 22, 2017. This extended deadline applies to all submitters (not just those requesting an exemption).

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