

1. Selection Criteria

a. Choice of a topic

In addition to universal values in science and novelty, we pay special attention to interdisciplinary topics that encompass multiple specialist fields and emerging topics. In considering innovative topics from a broad range of fields, proposals deemed highly similar to those selected for the FAONS annual meetings in the last two years will have lesser priority than the others in the selection process.

<Symposium Category>	
A. Molecular and Cellular Biology	E. Molecular and Neuronal Bases of Behavior
B. Development, Regeneration and Plasticity	F. Basic and Clinical Science of Mental Disorders
C. Sensory and Motor Systems	G. Basic and Clinical Science of Neurological Disorders
D. Homeostasis and Neuroendocrine Systems	H. Methodology·Others

b. Symposia with diverse speakers

Preference will be given to symposium proposals that involve speakers and co-organizers diverse in age, gender, and nationality. Giving special attention to diversity in the age, gender, and nationality, is highly encouraged. Proposals judged not to emphasize that diversity and inclusion will have lesser priority than the others in the selection process.

2. Symposium Proposals Submission Guidelines

This meeting will be held in person.

The duration of a symposium should be 120 minutes (tentative) with 4 to 6 speakers. Presentations are to be held in English.

Organizers should personally obtain consent from all the speakers in their symposia before they submit their proposals. Please be sure to inform the potential speakers that the symposium is not confirmed until the proposal is formally accepted and participants notified by the Program Committee.

Registration fees for the annual meeting will be waived for symposium speakers who are not members of JNS, JSN, or JSBP.

The Program Committee may ask the organizers to combine their symposium with a similar symposium proposal, rearrange speakers, change the titles, or incorporate an oral presentation into their symposia.

Individuals can submit one abstract to present as a first author. Speakers of a symposium cannot present in other symposia or oral/poster sessions at the JNS meeting. Organizers should convey

this policy to the speakers when they ask for their consent to speak in their symposia. If an organizer doesn't deliver a presentation at her/his symposium, she/he can deliver a presentation in another session.

Acceptance/non-acceptance of the proposals (including combined proposals) will be announced in November 15th 2023 after the Program Committee's review. The main organizers of the accepted symposia should then request all speakers to submit their abstracts during the period of the call for papers.

3. Financial Support

FAONS will provide travel and accommodation subsidies for the selected symposia, which will be determined based on the composition of speakers for each session.

The following support standards will apply:

Sessions exclusively featuring Asian speakers: \$3,000 USD

Sessions featuring at least one Oceanian speaker: \$3,500 USD

Sessions including at least one American or European speaker: \$4,000 USD

Please note that Japanese scientists will not receive financial support in accordance with the rules of the Japanese Neuroscience Society (JNS). The final amount of financial support will be determined by the program committee of FAONS and communicated to the respective symposia organizers.