Dear Colleague,

The 47th annual meeting of the Society for Computers in Psychology (SCiP) will be held at the Vancouver Convention Center West, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th, 2017, before the opening of the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society.

The deadline for submissions is ~~June 30th, 2017~~. **Extended deadline: July 20th!**

The theme for this year's conference is "Big Data and Deep Learning" and will feature a keynote from Dr. Ping Li (Penn State http://blclab.org/ ) along with a Presidential Symposium.

**SCiP submissions can be made via the main website: http://scip.ws**

**What is SCiP?**

SCiP is an organization of researchers interested in applications of computational techniques and methods in psychology. One focus over the past several years has been on aiding psychologists in using computers in their teaching and research, statistical analysis tools, web-based research, clinical applications, and computational modeling. The Society has also encouraged consideration of psychological aspects of hardware and software development and design. Membership is open to any person who has an academic degree and who is active in scientific applications of computers to psychological research. Please see our main website **http://scip.ws** for the bylaw and the mission statement of the society.

**Program information for the 2017 conference**

We are planning a program with parallel talk sessions and an extended poster session. We have found that extended poster sessions provide an excellent forum for promoting discussion and interaction among the conference participants. Consequently, we ask you to consider submitting a proposal for that format. The program will include papers, tutorials, and symposia dealing with the use of computers in all areas of psychological research, including (but not limited to):

    Web-based research, data collection, and tools
    Online social media and communication
    Brain imaging methods and analysis
    Human-computer interaction
    Diagnostic and assessment tools
    Eye tracking tools and applications
    Novel experimental methodology
    Psychology of video games
    Instructional software
    Modeling cognitive and neural processes
    Statistical software and algorithms
    Online learning and instruction

Virtual environments

You need not be a current member of SCiP to present at the conference, and the modest conference registration fee also serves as your annual membership dues.

**Special Issue of Behavior Research Methods**

Conference presenters (both spoken and poster presentations) are invited to submit articles based on presentations at the SCiP meeting to a special issue of Behavior Research Methods, the official journal of the SCiP. The September 2018 issue of Behavior Research Methods will feature the 2017 SCiP conference. Although papers submitted to the special issue go through a normal review process, the time to publication is greatly accelerated. Consequently, this is an excellent opportunity to get your important research published in an extremely timely fashion. This is one of the important perks of the attending the conference. Submissions should be prepared according to the guidelines of BRM, which can be found at http://www.psychonomic.org/page/springerBRM, and submitted through the BRM submission portal. It is important to indicate that the submission is for the "SCiP Issue." The deadline for article submission is December 31st, 2017.

**Student Awards**

First-time graduate student presenters are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts. If you are a first-time graduate student attending SCiP, and the primary presenter, you may be eligible to have your registration waived as part of the Birnbaum Scholarship for first-time graduate presenters. Please contact our secretary, Rick Dale (rdale@ucmerced.edu) for details.

The Society sponsors The Castellan Student Paper Award for the outstanding student paper. Student papers on the application of computers to any area of psychology (theoretical, experimental, applied) are welcome. Eligibility is open to work done by a student currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses, or work done as part of a course, thesis, or other student research by a person who graduated within the last year. The student must be the primary author and the presenter of the paper. The winning author will receive a one year membership in the Society, a one year subscription to BRM, and a $200 cash prize. Students who wish to have their papers considered for the award should indicate their desire at the time of submission and are required to submit the complete manuscript for evaluation for the competition by October 1st, 2017. The award for the outstanding student paper will be presented at the conference during the business meeting.

Instructions for **submitting to SCiP 2017**: To submit an abstract or symposium, please follow the instructions on our online submission form linked from **http://scip.ws**.

Deadline: ~~June 30th, 2017~~ Extended to July 20th

Please consider forwarding our conference call to folks around your department!

We hope to see you there!

Xiaowei Zhao (Emmanuel College, Boston), President
Rick Dale (UC Merced), Secretary-Treasurer