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Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting Guidelines

- Each SIG must focus on a specific question or issue (exploring a controversial issue, understanding a technique, new technological advance, etc.).
- Generally, a maximum of 4 speakers, or a panel of no more than 6 panelists, will provide an introduction to the issue, pose questions, and then open the floor for discussion. Under exceptional situations and when the theme demands, it may be possible to allow a maximum of 9 faculty in all.
- 50:50 Rule: At least 50% of session time (45 minutes) should be used for open discussion or panel discussion.
- Meeting attendees will be allowed to contribute questions and description of a brief point they wish to make, along with a single PowerPoint slide, in advance of the SIG. The organizer may select several of these to serve as a catalyst for discussion. If selected, the individual would have no more than 2 minutes to make their point during the open discussion period.
- SIGs may not be product-related.
- All SIG organizers, presenters, and attendees must register and pay the registration fee for the Asia-ARVO Meeting - no exceptions.
- Commercial relationships must be disclosed for the organizer, moderator(s), and each speaker/panelist at the beginning of the SIG.
- The SIG description submitted with the application will be listed in the Meeting publications. The commercial relationship information indicated on the application will be added to the description at the time of publication.
- SIGs are not Symposia and there is no financial support for speakers.
- SIGs may not honor specific individuals.