

Report of Work by Program Committee: April 16, 2012 – November 5, 2012

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Data for Meetings from 2009–2012 (with 2006-2008 included for comparison)

	2006 (DC)	2007 (San Diego)	2008 (Boston)	2009 (New Orleans)	2010 (Atlanta)	2011 (San Francisco)	2012 (Chicago)
Number of Papers	203	229	285	248	354	420	463
Number of Sessions	44	52	54	53	59	80	90
Number of Registrants	600	548	740	601	686	816	809 (10/25/12)

2012 Academic Program

In addition to hosting the largest number of presentations and sessions to date, we have implemented the following new or significantly revised features:

- Redesigned Program Book featuring new “Program-At-A-Glance,” graphic features to assist users in identifying days and times of session blocks, Index of Sessions.
- Session Evaluation Questionnaire updated and significantly revised due to consultation with survey expert who conducts survey-based research.
- Session Chairs’ Breakfast graciously funded by Executive Director and designed to communicate important information to Session Chairs about logistics, encourage their cooperation with important policies and procedures, and solicit input on various issues.

2013 Academic Program

The complete 2013 Call for papers has been posted to the ASOR Annual Meeting website since mid-September 2012. The first deadline in the cycle is for new Member-Organized Sessions and Workshop Sessions, which are due on December 15, 2012. Approved new Member-Organized Sessions and Workshop Sessions will be posted to the “Approved Sessions” portion of the Call by early January 2013, and the online Abstract Submission System will be open to receive submissions then as well. The final deadline for abstract submissions is February 15, 2013; paper acceptances will be sent by the main office by April 15, 2013.

Plenary Session

At the request of the CCC, the PC drafted a proposal for the “Goals, Selection, and Administration of The Plenary Session at ASOR’s Annual Meeting.” This proposal was adopted by the CCC in April 2012. The PC is therefore charged with making recommendations of topics and speaker(s) to CCC at least 18 months prior to the date on which the Plenary is to be given.

Accordingly, the PC submitted a recommendation for the topic and speakers for the 2013 Plenary Session to be delivered in Baltimore.

Membership of Committee

Two members of the PC have recently resigned due to the demands of their current jobs. We will be working to identify replacements for Betsy Bryan (who has provided us with the name of a colleague whom she believes would be ideal) and Elena Corbett. We thank both of these members for their service.

Upcoming Work

We will be engaged with the following projects in the upcoming months:

- Working with head of CCC, ASOR Executive Director, and ASOR President to identify and appoint new members of the PC.
- Working with the PC to prepare our recommendation for the 2014 Plenary Session topics and speakers to be held in San Diego, CA.
- Working with the PC to prepare our feedback to the head of the working group on Ethics Policies for ASOR.
- Continuing PC discussion regarding the size of the academic program of the annual meeting of ASOR.
- Receiving and reviewing new Member-Organized Sessions Proposals and New Workshop Session Proposals (due Dec. 15, 2012).
- Receiving 2013 Abstract/Participation Forms (due Feb. 15, 2013) and assisting session chairs in their review of proposals and organization of sessions.