SOT 90-Minute Symposium and Workshop Sessions: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is SOT accepting session proposals for 90-minute sessions?
   This is in response to previous concerns from both session presenters and attendees regarding the length of the scientific sessions at the SOT Annual Meeting, and the short times between 165-minute and 80-minute sessions in the mornings and afternoons.

2. How many 90-minute sessions will be programmed for the 2019 Annual Meeting?
   SOT Council has endorsed this pilot for the 2019 Annual Meeting in Baltimore in which one afternoon or one morning (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday) will be programmed with a maximum of fourteen 90-minute sessions, with a minimum of ten. If sufficient high quality proposals are received, Program Committee will consider a full-day of 90-minute sessions.
   For fourteen 90-minute sessions, there will be seven 90-minute sessions occurring concurrently, followed by a 30-minute break to allow for individual to follow up with speakers or networking with session attendees, and then an additional seven 90-minute sessions.

3. Are traditional 165-minute Symposium and Workshops still being accepted?
   Yes. For the 2019 Annual Meeting, chairs may submit proposals for both 90-minute and 165-minute Symposia and Workshops.

4. Will the format/length of the 80-minute sessions (Roundtables, Informational Sessions, Historical Highlights, Education-Career Development sessions) be changed?
   No.

5. What about 165-minute Regional Interest sessions?
   Regional Interest sessions will remain programmed for 165 minutes.

6. How will the 90-minute sessions be submitted?
   Using the same session proposal site as the other sessions: Oasis. 90-minute Symposia are designated as “Symposium I” and 165-minute Symposia are designated as “Symposium II.” (Same format for the Workshop designations).

7. What is the maximum number of speakers permitted for the 90-minute session format?
   Three.

8. Are two Chairs required for the 90-minute sessions?
   Yes. Individuals proposing either type of session are encouraged to identify a more senior chair and a junior chair as a mentoring opportunity.

More information on the 90-minute session format may be found in Dr. Hines’ Communiqué blog from February 15, 2018:

http://toxchange.toxicology.org/p/bl/ar/blogaid=2542