



Dear ARIA Annual Meeting 2022 Discussants:

On behalf of Dr. Weili Lu, Chair of the ARIA Annual Meeting 2022, I would like to thank you for volunteering to serve as a Discussant at this year's meeting.

We have assigned discussants being careful to try to avoid asking you to be a discussant when you have other session obligations.

Please use this Google Sheet to accept the assignment or to let us know of any conflict by responding in the column indicated on the Google Sheet. If you need to communicate directly with us, please contact Executive Director, Ginger Phillips at gphillips@aria.org.

The List of Sessions – Please Find Your Name in this Google Sheet recognizing you have most likely been assigned more than one. Please indicate your acceptance of the assignment in the column for that purpose.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1toknTYa3Be3K-A95lyVhNDI3nYV2zeIV9mBW8tEC53M/edit?usp=sharing>

The Discussant function is important to the ARIA Annual Meeting, and we thank you for volunteering. The ARIA meeting is approaching quickly, and I wanted to share some information about the concurrent sessions that should be useful to you.

Assignments were made based the responses that received from proposal submissions, and you may have volunteered outside of that process. Discussants play an important role in providing feedback to the authors as well insights to the audience members and I very much appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. If your circumstances have changed such that you are unable to serve as a discussant, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can try to find a replacement discussant.

Presenters' papers are currently being received. The papers are being uploaded to the Event App and you will access your assigned paper(s) through the specific session where you are the discussant. For instance, if the spreadsheet shows you are a discussant for A1b, then in the Event App search for A1b and download the paper attached to that session.

What is the Event App (the only agenda) and Where are the Papers?

The Annual Meeting Agenda is contained in a digital Event App and thus is the most up-to-date agenda that can be provided as it allows real-time updates, and push announcements to all in attendance. It works on computer, phone, and tablet. **The session papers are linked to each session in the Event App.**

- Very soon we will upload all registrants to the Event App. **We must see you as registered to add you to the App, so if you have not yet registered, please do so**

immediately. Once registered in the App, and after you accept the assignment to moderate, we will “tag you into the session(s) as moderator.”

- When you are uploaded to the App, the system will send you an email from info@aria.org. This one email will provide two things:
 - Your personal link to update your profile in the app, add a photo and a biosketch.
 - In the footer of this email is the link to access the App; we highly recommend that you follow this link immediately to gain full access. Follow the prompts.
- Or you may download the “EventMobi” App from the Google Play Store or Apple Store and enter the event code [ARIA2022AnnualMeeting](#).
- Only registered attendees will be allowed to login. We recommend that the first time you login and make your password that you make this password simple and easy to remember as you may need it when logging in during the conference.
- Changes to program schedule are in real time through the App and will notify you with an *Update App Now* option at the top of the app menu. There is a *refresh* option at the bottom of the App menu.
- Click on any schedule item for details.
- Be sure to update your profile for the best conference experience and to ensure that others attending the conference can communicate with you through the App.
- Watch for notices and real-time announcements.
- All times are US Pacific time and you can select that in your EventMobi settings; find the settings using the usual *gear* icon.

Discussant Guidance – *What you are expected to do.*

Please read the paper thoroughly. It is not your job to summarize the paper. The presenter will have just spent 20 minutes presenting it. It is your job to point out parts of the paper that are especially interesting, or you think that there may be more to think about in one area or another. It is not your job to be a critic or to point out flaws, but to put forth ideas for consideration that might make the paper stronger or provide a perspective that the author may not have yet considered.

You have only five minutes. After your five minutes are up, the Moderator will conduct five minutes of Q&A. Please help keep your part in this on time by being prepared. You will not be allowed to go over 5 minutes.

Moderators, Discussants and Presenters should plan to be in the presentation room 10 to 15 minutes before the session starts. Please introduce yourself to the presenter whose paper you are serving as Discussant.

If you have questions about your role and what you are to do, please contact Dr. Weili Lu, Conference Chair at wlu@fullerton.edu.

If you have questions about obtaining the paper, downloading it, or the Event App, please contact Dr. Ginger Phillips, Executive Director, at gphillips@aria.org.

Thank you for volunteering to serve ARIA at the 2022 Annual Meeting.