

USHER SYNDROME COALITION

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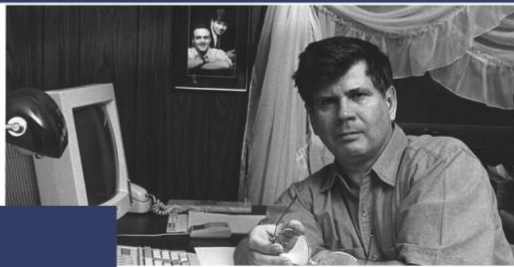
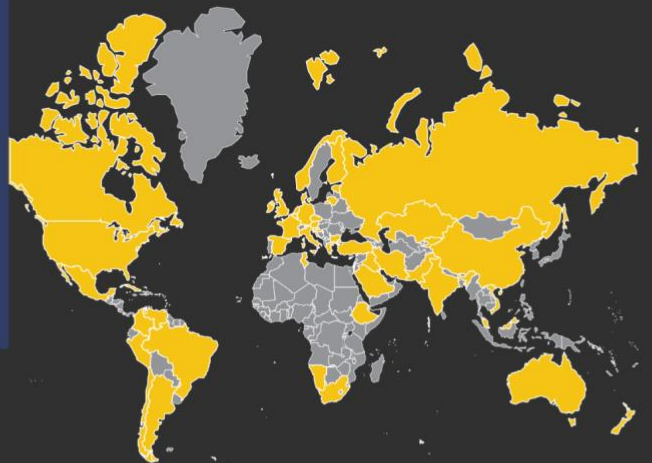
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JULY 10-11, 2020 | AUSTIN, TEXAS

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March 15, 2020



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PRESENT AT THE GENERAL SESSION
OMNI AUSTIN HOTEL AT SOUTHPARK
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12th Annual USH Connections Conference
July 10-11, 2020
Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark
Austin, Texas

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Deadline for Submission: March 15, 2020
Submit to Krista Vasi: k.vasi@usher-syndrome.org

The Usher Syndrome Coalition is soliciting speaker abstracts for research-based presentations for the full-day general session of the 12th Annual USH Connections Conference, which will take place Saturday, July 11, 2020 at the Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark in Austin, Texas. The conference is hosted by the Usher Syndrome Coalition and is the largest annual gathering of the Usher syndrome community. This event provides an invaluable opportunity to learn about Usher specific research and developing treatments from leaders in a variety of disciplines, while connecting with hundreds of affected individuals, their families, and professionals serving the deafblind community.

Presentation Abstract Submission Form and Guidelines

All abstracts must be completed and submitted no later than **March 15, 2020**. Submission of an abstract does not guarantee an invitation to present.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the USH2020 organizing committee. Invitations to present will be emailed no later than April 1, 2020.

Proposals for presentations must be submitted as a Microsoft Word Document and must include the following items in the order listed:

1. Name as you wish it to appear in the program (Example: John Smith, PhD.)
2. Institutional, professional, or business affiliation, if any
3. Contact Info:
 - Full Mailing Address
 - Email address
 - Phone Number
4. Professional Bio (maximum 200 words) Please tell us a bit about yourself and your connection to Usher syndrome.
5. Please note the general area(s) of your research presentation:
 - a. Science
 - b. Assistive Technology
 - c. Social and Emotional Support
 - d. Advocacy
 - e. Other

6. Abstract (Maximum 400 words)
7. Objectives / knowledge or skills attendees will gain from this presentation
8. Acknowledgments (Funding and Awards)

Send each Proposal separately as an email attachment (in Microsoft Word, preferably in Arial 12-point font, 1" margins) to Krista Vasi (k.vasi@usher-syndrome.org)

Call for Presentations Deadline: March 15, 2020.

Notification of acceptance: April 1, 2020.

Return date for confirmation by presenters: April 15, 2020.

Presenter Responsibilities (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY):

- Presenters agree to present in English or ASL at a moderate pace to allow access to all audience members. Your presentation will be translated in real time via visual and tactile sign language interpreters and CART transcribers
- Any slides included in a presentation must be described during the presentation for non-visual audience members.
- Invited speakers will have their registration fees waived.
- Up to two nights of hotel accommodations (July 10 and 11) will be provided at no cost to speakers by the Usher Syndrome Coalition at the conference venue.
- Presenters are responsible for their own travel arrangements.
- Presenters do not receive a stipend from the Usher Syndrome Coalition.
- Presentations that market specific products and services are not acceptable for this forum. If you have a product or service to showcase, you may register as an Exhibitor here: <http://bit.ly/USH2020exhibitors>
- **Send your PPT (MUST USE PPT template) to k.vasi@usher-syndrome.org by June 3, 2020** – it will be forwarded to the CART provider and interpreters so that they may familiarize themselves with names and terminology.

Questions? Please contact Krista Vasi at k.vasi@usher-syndrome.org or call (978) 637-2625.

Thank you for your interest in giving a presentation at the 12th Annual USH Connections Conference. We look forward to reviewing your proposal.