

FIRST TIME ATTENDING CPDD?

Everything You Need to Know About The 2019 Annual Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Antonio, Texas

ABOUT CPDD

Started in 1929, the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) is the oldest and largest organization in the US dedicated to advancing a scientific approach to substance use and addictive disorders. The College actively promotes scientific research in all aspects of substance abuse, and facilitates the sharing of knowledge and new discoveries among scientists of diverse backgrounds, both nationally and internationally. The college also encourages the application of scientific knowledge to developing new behavioral and pharmacological treatment therapies through collaboration among academia, private industry, and government agencies, and helps shape sensible and effective public policy by providing information and outreach to lawmakers at local, state, and national levels.

Since 1938, a major focus of the CPDD's activities has been the sponsorship of an annual scientific meeting. This conference serves as a forum bringing together basic scientists and clinical investigators from industry, academia, and government. Each year, participants represent a wide range of organizations, including regulatory agencies, scientists, and professionals interested in the biochemical, behavioral, and public health aspects of drug dependence. CPDD is excited to welcome you to your first annual meeting. We hope that this guide provides helpful information to facilitate a positive meeting experience.

PLANNING AHEAD: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1) Do I have to be a member to attend?

No, non-members are welcome to register for the meeting and attend. If you would like to become a member, you may apply for membership at CPDD.org. For Members-In-Training, there is a bit more flexibility in the application deadlines, but to ensure discounted registration at the 2019 Meeting, you should get your application in by March 1, 2019. There are many benefits to becoming a CPDD member, including

- Complimentary subscription to *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* journal, which has one of the highest impact factors among substance abuse journals.
- Access to *Members Only* section of CPDD Web site, containing directory information, committee reports, and public policy newsletters.
- Membership Listserv, for rapid communication of items of interest to the entire membership and posting of job opportunities.
- Impact on public policy, including educating governmental officials on the need to support addiction research, ensuring a science base for new policies and programs, and dealing with human and animal research issues.
- Mentorship activities for trainees and junior faculty.
- Opportunities to serve on CPDD committees.
- Discount on registration fees to attend the annual scientific meetings.
- Sponsorship of abstracts for presentation at Annual Meeting.

- Eligibility to submit abstract for Late-Breaking News session.

2) How do I register?

You can register for the meeting online at cpdd.org. Prices increase after April 15, 2019, so be sure to register early! You can register for the entire conference or for one-day registration on Sunday only, if you are attending a pre-conference satellite meeting.

Tip from CPDD Member: Apply for one (or several) of the travel awards available. CPDD has many opportunities for awards that defray costs associated with conference travel. Travel awards also allow you to attend additional networking events and meet other people at your level.

3) Are accommodations available?

CPDD has a room block with the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa. This is also the location where conference events will be held. The room block does fill up and it is only available until May 15, 2019, so book your room early! **The discounted room rate of \$194 for students is the same for 1-4 people sharing a room.** Email your student ID to cpdd@frosch.com to receive the hotel student booking link.

Conference Hotel:

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa
23808 Resort Parkway,
San Antonio, Texas 78261 USA

4) Are there child care options nearby?

Although CPDD does not offer childcare services, there are options available for those attendees planning to bring their children. The front desk staff at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa are able to recommend and contract hourly in-hotel child care services. You can ask about this service at check-in.

There is also a walk-in daycare located approximately 4 miles from the JW Marriott, *Kid Space Drop-in Child Care, Cibolo Canyons* at 3111 TPC Parkway. This is a nearby option for attendees with children between the ages of 12 months to 12 years. Children can be registered the same day. Catered meals and snacks are available at an extra cost, or parents are welcome to bring food. For more information and for relevant forms, visit: <http://sakidspace.info/Enrollment.php>

Please note that CPDD does not have a contract with any childcare facility, nor does it endorse any childcare facility. This information is merely provided for your convenience.

5) How do I plan ahead for the conference?

We highly recommend that you look through the online program and get an idea of the dates/times of the talks and events that you most want to attend. Download the conference app

with session and event times. You will want to also schedule time to meet with mentors and network with new peers, so it is good to plan ahead! Be sure to register for any events that require pre-registration, such as *Brunch with Champions*, which always fills to capacity and has a waiting list. Finally, if you would like to be assigned a conference mentor, the Members in Training Committee (MITCo) organizes a mentorship program. Every year in April, MITCo sends out an email soliciting mentors and mentees to sign up for this program. Mentees are paired with mentors with similar research interests who are willing to offer advice to CPDD members in training. Mentee and mentors are free to meet in person at CPDD or communicate via telephone or email.

Tip from CPDD Member: Prioritize topics in your specific area, but also branch out to a few related topics. Often sessions are nicely integrated to promote collaboration.

6) Are there resources for individuals with disabilities?

The JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa has wheelchair accessible guest rooms and all meeting rooms are also fully accessible. The hotel is equipped with wheelchair ramps and wheelchair assistance is also available. Assistance for hearing and visually impaired attendees can be arranged on request.

7) Is it possible to receive continuing education credits?

Yes! CPDD partners with Amedco LLC to offer continuing education (CME/CE/CEH/APA) credits to physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and psychologists. Physicians can earn *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™] and psychologists can earn APA approved continuing education credits, based on the number of presentations attended. After the meeting, attendees interested in continuing education credits will be asked to complete a form and pay a fee for processing of the credits. The fee is \$50 for CE/CEH/APA credits and \$100 for CME credits.

AT THE CONFERENCE: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1) What is the general structure of the conference?

The first day prior to the opening reception of the conference generally includes full or half-day satellite meetings from NIDA, ISGIDAR and other groups and an opportunity for attendees to register. The following days of the conference generally include plenary lectures, oral communications, forums, poster sessions, symposiums, and late-breaking research news presentations throughout the day, and workshops into the early evening. For more information, please visit: <https://cpdd.org/meeting-information-2/>.

2) What should I wear to the conference?

There is not a specific dress code. However, presenters often wear business or business casual attire and attendees often wear business casual attire. Individuals attending the dessert/dancing event the last night of the conference often dress slightly more formally (dresses for females, tie and/or jacket for males), but this is certainly not required. You may wish to dress in layers as

session rooms can be cold, especially compared to the expected hot weather in San Antonio in June!

3) What should I bring with me?

In addition to yourself, bring the conference program or your mobile device with the conference app downloaded on it. If you would like to take notes, bring something with which to take notes (e.g., laptop, pen/paper, etc.). It can also be helpful to bring business cards and/or CV copies if you'll be meeting with potential mentors, supervisors or colleagues.

4) Where is the on-site registration and badge pick-up?

On-site registration and badge pick-up is conveniently located within the conference hotel near meeting rooms. The desk is open beginning at 1 PM on Saturday, June 15th and remains open during regular conference hours.

5) What are the resources available for first-time attendees?

There are a number of resources available to you! The Members-in-Training committee was developed to facilitate the experiences of in-training members of CPDD. If you are not a Member-in-Training (MIT), we encourage you to apply. Regardless of your status as a MIT, please consider the following career development opportunities at the 2019 CPDD meeting (described more below):

Brunch with Champions
Mentor Match
Pre- and Post-doc Networking Event
Member-in-Training Meeting
Evening workshops dedicated to career development

6) What networking opportunities are available?

Prior attendees highly recommend *Brunch with Champions*. This year, the event will take place on Wednesday, June 19th. *Brunch with Champions* is a networking event designed for junior faculty, postdocs, and students to meet with established investigators in the field in an informal setting. There is no cost, but registration is required.

Other networking opportunities include the Member-in-Training mentor match, the Pre-& Post-doc Networking Event), and the American Psychological Association Division 28 Mixer.

Tuesday evening's social event will be a dessert buffet and musical entertainment. In place of the traditional closing dinner, there will be coffee breaks throughout the conference to enhance networking opportunities.

The conference app also has a way to message and connect with your colleagues. If you would like to arrange a meeting with someone, you may want to email in advance. You can also go up to them after a talk and introduce yourself!

Tip from CPDD Member: The poster sessions are great networking opportunities. They can really help you meet key people and learn how to network in a low-pressure situation.

7) What are the session types?

Poster Session: Abstracts that are submitted for presentation at the Annual Meeting can be considered for either oral or poster presentation, or poster only, at the discretion of the first author. Those selected for a poster presentation are grouped with other posters of a common theme (e.g., alcohol, designer drugs, HIV/HCV) during larger poster sessions.

Oral Communication: Abstracts that are submitted for presentation at the Annual Meeting can be considered for either oral or poster presentation, or poster only, at the discretion of the first author. Those selected for an oral presentation are grouped into an “Oral Communication” session with other talks of a common theme.

Forum: Forums are sessions on topics of general interest to the attendees as a whole. They include such areas as Public Policy, Media Training, Animals in Research, and Industry/Academia Relations.

Symposium: This is a collection of 3-5 speakers who address a common theme. Speakers are given 20-25 minutes to present. A Full-Symposium is 2 hours in duration and composed a maximum of 5 speakers. A Mini Symposium is 1 hour in duration and composed of a maximum of 3 speakers, who each have 20 min to present.

Workshop: Workshops are defined as a collection of 1-6 speakers who address a specific issue of direct relevance to CPDD. Emphasis is put on training and/or skills building in workshops.

Late-Breaking Research News: A limited number of abstracts will be accepted for presentation as 5-minute talks in a session devoted to important late-breaking findings at the Annual Meeting. A member of CPDD must be a co-author. Papers can be on any aspect of drug abuse or addiction or on the actions of drugs of abuse.

8) Is the schedule available online?

Yes! The complete program will be available online at cppd.org. It is also available on a downloadable app.

9) What do I need to do to prepare for my talk?

Bring your presentation slides with you on a thumb drive. Be sure to load your slides in the speaker-ready room the day before your presentation. Arrive to the appropriate meeting room early and introduce yourself to the session chairs/other presenters. Verify that your talk has been uploaded to the local computer. The session chairs will provide any instructions to help keep the session on schedule.

Tip from CPDD Member: Fully practice your talk at least a few times.

10) What do I need to do to prepare for my poster presentation?

Look in the program to determine when and where your poster should be displayed. The posters are displayed typically before the actual poster presentation session. Follow guidelines regarding poster size, etc. and bring handouts to accompany your poster, if desired. Your poster should be displayed for the full time of the assigned poster session. If you have an odd-numbered poster assignment, please stand at your poster for the first hour of the session. If you have an even-numbered poster assignment, please stand at your poster for the second hour of the session.

11) Do I have to stay for each entire session?

No. Session chairs are asked to make sure the speakers stay on schedule as much as possible (though occasionally, deviations do occur). This gives attendees the opportunity to move between sessions and hear the talks that are of most interest to them.

12) Should I stay until the last day of the meeting?

In addition to catching the final plenary, oral communications, symposiums, and posters, CPDD offers several activities to incentive attendance on the final day of the conference. These activities include

The Brunch with Champions: This brunch is held on the final day of the conference and provides an opportunity for predocs, postdocs, and junior faculty to chat informally with senior investigators and scientific administrators. You must be pre-registered for this event and attendance will be limited. In order to register, use the form found on the CPDD website (cpdd.org) and include your credit card information. Mail or fax the form to CPDD. There is no charge for the brunch, however, if you fail to attend without cancelling 72 hours in advance, a \$40 charge will be made to your credit card.

The 22nd Annual CPDD Sweepstakes Drawing: This drawing will be held immediately following the final sessions on Wednesday afternoon. Badges will be collected from scientific registrants seated in the meeting rooms with the sessions end. Several prizes will be awarded, including a 2-night complimentary hotel stay at next year's meeting site, membership dues for one year, and meeting registration for CPDD 2020. You must be present to win, so plan to stay through the end of the meeting.

13) What is there to do in San Antonio?

River Walk: There are plenty of options for eating along the River Walk, but Schilo's is a reliable choice, and has served lunch to San Antonians since 1917. Starting around the Pearl District, you can get on the less bustling end of the River Walk to see some of the amazing art installations

under the bridges. This part of the River Walk also offers access to several museums. As a bonus, you can stop at open-air bars and bring your beverages on your walk.

The Alamo: The Alamo Mission in San Antonio is commonly called The Alamo and was originally known as Misión San Antonio de Valero. It was founded in the 18th century as a Roman Catholic mission and fortress compound, and today is part of the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site in San Antonio, Texas.

San Antonio Botanical Garden: Scenic, 38-acre area with trails, a pond, roses & native plants, a glass conservatory & a cafe.

Yanaguana Garden: Part public art show, part garden, this is a great place to relax. The garden offers a few places to eat and drink, including a Commonwealth Coffeehouse & Bakery, and the Con Safos Cocina & Cantina. Typically, you can also find plenty of nearby food trucks and you can get a variety of craft beers and margaritas at Con Safos.

ArtPace: If contemporary art fascinates you, this is the place to go. The museum is fairly unusual, in that nine artists per year are invited to live and work here throughout the year in three four-month cycles; three of the artists are from Texas, three are from elsewhere in the United States, and three are from around the world. ArtPace is free and open to the public, and offers artist lectures and other special events.

San Antonio Missions: The San Antonio Missions are part of a UNESCO world heritage site and span the San Antonio River for several miles south of Downtown. The most famous mission is, of course, the Alamo, but Missions Concepcion, San Jose, San Juan, and Espada are just as beautiful (and slightly less mobbed with visitors). The best way to see them all is to take an Uber, Lyft, or your own car to the farthest one (Mission Espada) and rent a B-bike at one of the kiosks. From there, you can cycle the Mission Reach Trail and visit each Mission along the 15-mile riverside trail. There are B-bike kiosks at every mission, and you only need to plug in your credit card to get your bike (there's also a B-bike app you can download). The trail also runs straight into the Blue Star brewery complex, so after visiting the first few missions you can stop for a cold beer (or margarita), and take a look at the King William historic district.

Jandros: Monday nights at Jandros on St. Mary's Strip is a great spot for spoken word. Showcasing both new and seasoned poets, the patio at Jandros is a great spot to relax.

Hays Street Bridge: The Hays Street Bridge is a historical landmark, and offers a breathtaking view of San Antonio without the flood of visitors. Yoga classes are occasionally offered on the bridge and beer, food, and live music is available at Alamo Beer Company.

You can also check out this information provided by the host hotel:

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/local-things-to-do/satjw-jw-marriott-san-antonio-hill-country-resort-and-spa/>

14) Have additional questions?

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