

Call for Papers  
2017 Online IRVA Conference  
June 10-11, 2017

The 2017 Online Remote Viewing Conference, sponsored by the International Remote Viewing Association

(IRVA), seeks to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of remote viewing. In particular, but not exclusively, our aim is to enrich the issues and contribute to the understanding of remote viewing with empirical research and an encompassing perspective.

## **TOPICS**

We solicit your finest submissions in any area that explores issues relevant to remote viewing or related fields. Appropriate topics include remote viewing history, philosophy, theory, practice, research and training techniques, etc. However, innovative contributions that do not fit into these criteria will also be considered since they may be of interest to conference attendees. Acceptance will be based primarily on significance and quality of contribution. IRVA encourages our speakers to be original, and special consideration will be given to presentation of new ideas or material, as well as new presenters.

Bear in mind that those submitting proposals will be in competition with all others. This means that a good presentation may not be selected because an even better one is also in the running and is selected instead. Consequently, being rejected is not an indication of the intrinsic merits of a proposal's content or presentation. A proposal rejected one year might be accepted in another.

## **LENGTH AND FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS**

**This is an online conference, being broadcast live (and on time delay) to participants who will be attending & interacting with speakers virtually.**

***As such, we require presenters to be able to guarantee access to a broadband internet connection (preferably "wired"), with reasonable quality audio & video recording equipment. Potential presenters will be expected to participate in a variety of quality-check activities to ensure that their equipment is adequate. IRVA will provide the necessary software. Presentations can be a mix of slides and live video, such as is supported by the software we select. A headset is recommended if you do not have access to a high-end microphone (ie. The built-in microphone of a laptop may not be adequate).***

This conference program consists of presentation blocks of approximately 60 minutes in length. Time limits will be enforced, so please be sure your presentation is accurately timed:

Presentations should continue for 35 to 40 minutes, allowing time for a 15-minute question and answer period. Those proposing a panel should include a topic and likely panel members. If you are proposing a multi-presenter concept, please include a clear justification as to why multiple presenters are included.

All proposals should be submitted electronically (in PDF if possible, MS Word otherwise) and are not to exceed 2 pages in length (or email equivalent).

Submissions must include the following:

1. **A short title that captures the premise of the presentation:**  
A two or three sentence statement outlining the goal of the presentation. Please keep in mind that this will be the description of your presentation in the conference program.
2. **A brief narrative or abstract of the proposed presentation or workshop, and how it relates to remote viewing. Include the approximate time required for your presentation.**
3. **A brief description of your background (approximately 20 words) and recent hi-resolution photo (300 dpi preferred) for the conference program.**
4. **A longer bio or CV** focusing on education and/or qualifications that are relevant to your presentation for our conference website. Your longer bio or CV can be submitted by email.
5. **Details of your internet connection and technical specs of your computer** (upload & download speeds, as tested by service such as speedtest.net), plus information about your computer.
6. **A completed Speaker Release Form** (see below)

Presenter's contact information must include name, mailing address, phone and e-mail address.

Workshops must be well thought out and organized. If you intend to include audience participation in your presentation you must notify IRVA in advance.

**IF YOUR PROPOSAL DOES NOT MEET OUR GENERAL GUIDELINES IT MAY EITHER BE REJECTED OR RETURNED TO YOU FOR MODIFICATION.**

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Proposals must be submitted to the Conference Committee email address on or before February 28th, 2017, at [irvasubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:irvasubmissions@gmail.com)

## FINAL ACCEPTANCE

In the past, the number of proposals recommended for acceptance has exceeded the number of available slots in the IRVA program. Unfortunately, even if submissions meet the conference criteria, no guarantee can be made concerning whether a proposal will be accepted. All submissions, except invited talks, are subject to review and final determination by the Conference Committee. Presentations cannot be changed after final acceptance without the express permission of the Conference Committee. The

Notification of Acceptance is **March 15, 2017**.

Within the bounds of good order, audience members are free to pose questions and voice objections or approval after a presentation. Please be prepared to field this commentary with appropriate decorum.

**NOTE:** Acceptance of a proposal does not constitute endorsement of the presenter's opinions by IRVA.

## PHOTOS, ILLUSTRATIONS, AND OTHER GRAPHICS

The conference standard for presentation graphics is Microsoft PowerPoint. Any images, charts, graphs, etc., that you wish to incorporate into your presentation must be in the form of PowerPoint slides. Because these will be used as a backup option (in the event of a communications issue), your final PowerPoint submission must be received by IRVA no later than **May 31st, 2017**. Due to PowerPoint presenter problems in the past, this date is not negotiable.

## IMPORTANT:

The attached Speaker Release Form must accompany each response to the Call for Papers. The form grants the International Remote Viewing Association (IRVA) and its agents, designees or representatives permission to record video, audio, and take still images of your presentation(s) by any means in connection with the events at the Online International Remote Viewing Association Conference, June 10-11, 2017. No abstract will be approved without a signed Speaker Release Form.

Any filming or audio recording by presenters and/or attendees of the proceedings of the Online International Remote Viewing Association conference is strictly prohibited,

whether by video, film, audio tape or digital audio or any other recording or reproduction mechanism. Press or media representatives must obtain specific permissions to be granted an exception to this policy. Please contact IRVA president John Cook.

### **SIGNIFICANT DATES**

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2017

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Final PowerPoint Submission: May 31st, 2017

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**INTERNATIONAL REMOTE VIEWING ASSOCIATION  
2017 SPEAKER RELEASE FORM**

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To help defray conference expenses, IRVA sells many of its conference presentations and event recordings in DVD & online formats through the IRVA website ([www.irva.org](http://www.irva.org)), and other Internet outlets.

I further authorize IRVA to broadcast, publish or transmit the recording(s) and photograph(s) through any medium and in any format and hereby release IRVA from any and all claims or liabilities that may arise from any such broadcast or publication or transmission. I also authorize IRVA to use my name, voice, likeness and biographic information in printed materials, publicity, promotion, and advertising in connection with my presentation(s) and IRVA's reproductions. IRVA, in turn, agrees not to intentionally use my likeness, voice, or presentation materials in any way over which it has control that would be derogatory, defamatory, or reflect poorly on my person.

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The grant herein does not obviate my intellectual property interest in the material concerned, nor limit me from using this same material elsewhere in any way I choose. I agree, however, that I will not publish or transmit any portion of the video, audio, or still images recorded by IRVA or its agents during the course of this conference, without the express written authorization of IRVA's President.

Additionally, I agree that I will not make any online presentation which is substantially similar to this proposed material during a period of 90 days prior to this IRVA event.

The rights set forth in this release are granted on a royalty-free basis.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

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