Call for Papers
2012 IRVA Conference
June 15-17, 2012

The 2012 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 overall perspective.

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 representative’s permission to record your presentation(s) by any means and to take photographs during your participation in connection with the events at the International Remote Viewing Association Conference, June 15-17, 2012, at Green Valley Ranch, Resort and Spa, Henderson, Nevada. No abstract will be approved without a signed Speaker Release Form.

Any filming and photography by presenters and/or attendees of the International Remote Viewing Association conference is strictly prohibited, whether by video, still or digital photography, audio or any other recording or reproduction mechanism.

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, training techniques, research, 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 new presentations.

If you are uncertain as to what remote viewing is, please visit the IRVA Remote Viewing Library.

LENGTH AND FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS
The program will consist of presentations in 30, 60 or 90-minute increments. Time limits will be enforced, so please be sure your presentation is accurately timed:

Presentation (½ hour time block): Presentations should continue for 15-20 minutes, allowing time for a 10-minute question and answer period.

Presentation (1 hour time block): Presentations should continue for 25 to 30 minutes, allowing time for a 15-minute question and answer period. Most of the available time slots are 1 hour. You will increase your chances for acceptance by applying for this category.

Presentation (1½ hour time block): Presentations should continue for 45 to 60 minutes, allowing time for a 15-minute question and answer period. Please include a justification as to why you need extra time to cover your topic. This presentation slot cannot be shared with another presenter.

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). To encourage broad participation, the conference
committee discourages multiple appearances by the same individual on the program. Submissions must include the following:

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:

_____________________________________________________________________________

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:

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

A brief description of your background (approximately 20 words) for the conference program. Please provide in addition 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:

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

Presenter's contact information must include name, address, phone and e-mail addresses:
Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City _______________________, State___________ Zip __________
Phone _________________, Email ____________________________________________

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 BE RETURNED TO YOU FOR MODIFICATION.

HOW TO SUBMIT
Proposals must be submitted to the Conference Committee through Cheryle Hopton no later than January 30, 2012, at chopton@irva.org.

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 February 15, 2012.

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 or the IRVA Conference.

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.

Your final PowerPoint submission must be received by IRVA no later than May 31, 2012. Due to PowerPoint presenter problems in the past, this date is not negotiable.

IMPORTANT DATES
Submission Deadline: January 30, 2012
Notification of Acceptance: February 15, 2012
Final PowerPoint Submission: May 31, 2012

Conference Committee
Cheryle Hopton, IRVA Vice President, Conference Coordinator and Board Member
chopton@irva.org

Sandra Ray, Treasurer

Paul H. Smith, Board Member

John Stahler, IRVA President, Conference Chair and Board Member
jstahler@irva.org

Copyright 2012, The International Remote Viewing Association
This document may be copied and/or forwarded without permission ONLY in its entirety.
INTERNATIONAL REMOTE VIEWING ASSOCIATION
2012 SPEAKER RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant the International Remote Viewing Association (IRVA) and its agents, designees or representative’s permission to record my presentation(s) by any means and to take photographs during my participation in connection with the events at the International Remote Viewing Association Conference, June 15-17, 2012, at Green Valley Ranch, Resort and Spa, Henderson, Nevada.

General Distribution
IRVA sells many of its conference presentations and events in DVD format through the IRVA website (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.

I warrant that I am the sole owner of all rights in my presentation(s), that it does not infringe the copyright or other property rights of any third party, and that it does not contain any defamatory material or any factual inaccuracies except that which is stated as a matter of opinion.

The grant herein does not limit me from using this same material elsewhere in any way I choose.

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

Signature: ______________________________

Printed Name: ______________________________

IRVA cannot accept electronic signatures on release forms. Please sign and fax or email this signed form back to Cheryle Hopton at chopton@irva.org. Or contact John Stahler, Audio/Visual Manager and IRVA President, at jstahler@irva.org.