

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PERSONALITY (EAPP) FOCUS MEETINGS ON PERSONALITY PSYCHOLOGY

EAPP encourages the organization of small scientific meetings in the broad area of personality science.

PURPOSE OF FOCUS MEETINGS

- contribute to the critical assessment of knowledge and of new developments in personality psychology
- identify promising new directions for future research and teaching of personality psychology
- provide a forum for intensive discussion on cutting-edge issues in personality psychology and related disciplines between participants with different backgrounds and in different career stages (e.g., early-, mid-, late-career)
- promote the exchange of ideas and research co-operation between personality psychologists and scientists from related disciplines and scientific associations

STRUCTURE OF FOCUS MEETINGS

- Duration of 2 to 3 days
- Involve at least 10 and at most 30 participants who will be invited to contribute
- Organizers should be members of the EAPP
- At least half of the participants should be members of the EAPP
- Participants should include both established researchers and promising early career researchers
- EAPP will financially support up to two meetings every two years, although the Executive Committee (EC) of the association will exercise discretion on this rule.

ORGANIZATION OF THE FOCUS MEETINGS

- They will be organized by a coordinator who must be a member of the EAPP.
- The coordinator can propose a co-organizer who does not have to be an EAPP member.
- The organizers of the meeting will be responsible to:
 - advertise the meeting through the EAPP website and the EAPP mailing list
 - prepare the scientific program
 - select and invite participants
 - assign responsibilities related to the scientific program to participants
 - circulate in advance papers as a basis for discussion (if necessary)

DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

The proposal of a focus meeting should outline how the envisioned results of the meeting are thought to be disseminated. The editor-in-chief of the [European Journal of Personality \(EJP\)](#) or [Personality Science \(PS\)](#) can be contacted before application in case the suggested focus meeting includes the goal of a potential publication in one of these journals.

FUNDING

- EAPP will fund focus meetings with a maximum of € 10,000 per meeting.
- The organizer is responsible for providing the EC of the EAPP with a detailed budget proposal, as well as an indication of sources of funding in addition to the EAPP.
- In case the meeting is canceled, the total grant will need to be repaid to the EAPP.

- Within six months after the organization of the meeting, the organizer will provide the Treasurer of the EAPP with a detailed account of the expenses covered by the grant together with the original invoices and receipts of payment.
- Within one year after the meeting, the organizer will provide a brief report of the scientific achievements of the meeting (including information on, e.g., collaborative applications for funding, publications) to the Secretary of the EAPP. Any deviations from the original proposal (e.g., in terms of participants) should be documented and explained. In particular, the report should include an account of how diversity of the experts was fostered. This report will be published on the EAPP website. Ideally, please also include a picture of the participants, together with their signed agreement that the picture can be published on the EAPP website.

APPLICATIONS

- EAPP will issue a call for proposals for focus meetings biennially, usually in the fall of ECP years.
- Applications for a grant will be reviewed by the members of the EC. Evaluation criteria are:
 - Innovation. How much the meeting may move personality psychology ahead
 - Expected output. Preferably, this output will be linked to EJP or PS (or both), for example, as a special issue, theme bundle, or target article.
 - Participants:
 - Participants should represent the topic of the meeting well.
 - The invited group should be a novel composition in order to provide added value of the focus meeting
 - Diversity (e.g., representation of different geographical regions; gender; involvement of early career researchers)
- Proposal of a second focus meeting by one organizer is possible. The outcome of the previous meeting will then be used as an evaluation criterion.
- Applications should include:
 - The names of the organizers and the confirmation of EAPP membership
 - Their Curriculum Vitae
 - A short statement (300 words) describing the purpose of the meeting
 - The date, duration, and location for the focus meeting
 - A list of participants, and organizers' statement declaring that the participants have agreed to participate (should the focus meeting be funded)
 - A budget proposal including estimated costs for:
 - Accommodation expenses
 - Travel expenses
 - Organizational expenses (e.g., mail, photocopies)
 - Rentals (rooms, equipment)
 - Other costs
 - Information on other confirmed grants or submitted applications for grants