

# **BUCLD 44**

# **Business Report**

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# **Submission and acceptance**

# Abstracts submitted/accepted (last 10 yrs.)

	<i>N</i> submitted	<i>N</i> accepted	% accepted
2010	423	153*	36%*
2011	479	153*	32%*
2012	514	153*	30%*
2013	447	141*	32%*
2014	555	181*	33%*
2015	490	177*	36%*
2016	403	177*	44%*
2017	360	177*	49%*
2018	372	177*	48%*
2019	407	189	46%

\* excludes alternates

# Symposia

- Last year's attendance at the symposia was high and post-conference survey comments were positive.
- This year, the symposium CFP went out earlier than (and separately from) the regular call.
- 7 proposals were received and reviewed by a panel of 18 reviewers.
- Positive reviews of more than two proposals made selecting only two more difficult than in past years.
- We would like to continue to encourage attendees to develop and submit symposium proposals in the future.



# **Attendee information**

# Attendance rates (last 10 yrs.)

	Students		Non-students		Total
2010	341	54%	291	46%	632
2011	220	45%	270	55%	490
2012	271	55%	226	45%	497
2013	215	52%	198	48%	413
2014	267	58%	197	42%	464
2015	239	55%	197	45%	436
2016	224	50%	221	50%	445
2017	301	52%	274	48%	575
2018	235	48%	252	52%	487
2019	226	50%	228	50%	454

Note: These numbers include student volunteers.

## Student travel awards for authors (Paula Menyuk Award; last 10 yrs.)

	<i>N</i> recipients	Amount awarded
2010	28	\$8400
2011	28	\$8400
2012	31	\$8400
2013	35	\$10500
2014	35	\$10500
2015	35	\$10500
2016	35	\$10500
2017	39	\$11550
2018	24	\$9600
2019	35	\$11550

# Student travel awards for diversity (Diversity Enhancement Award; since inception)

	<i>N</i> recipients	Amount awarded
2017	10	\$5700
2018	7	\$4200
2019	9	\$4800

# Student attendance incentives

- Maintained **low student registration rate** (<50% of non-student rate)
- Continued to hold **2 poster sessions** (not competing with talk sessions) – more accessible for novice presenters
- Continued to give student **travel awards** to both authors and non-authors (over 40, totaling \$16K+ in support)
- Continued to **recognize best student papers** (with *Jean Berko Gleason Award*)
- Continued to organize **student workshop** specifically for trainees (students & postdocs)

**(Relatively) new this year!**

- **Pop-Up Mentoring Program** (in collaboration with LSA)
- Several new options for lodging/accommodations added
- Web schedule/program revamped (with **short** abstracts)
- Printed matter shortened, provided in pamphlet along with conference folder
- Poster sessions in Metcalf Small (instead of Metcalf Large)
- East Balcony replaced Metcalf Small for Session A room (HVAC in Metcalf Small found to be too noisy)
- Separate Q&A mics in every session (1 for 'students / postdocs', 1 for 'general audience'), alternation between mics
- Student Workshop moved to Thursday evening (from Sunday afternoon), refreshments provided
- Conference reception moved to Saturday (from Friday)
- Fridge in lactation room

Any suggestions? Ideas for improvement?

Please fill out the **post-conference survey!**

You will receive the link via email.