

The Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology

Guests at SMEP Annual Meetings

SMEP has allowed members to bring guests to the annual meeting as a way of exposing a larger number of persons to the Society and to encourage interest in membership. However, the growing number of guests has implications on the size of the space that we can use, as well as the social dynamic of the meeting, which was envisioned to be smaller and more intimate than typical academic meetings.

Therefore, the SMEP Trustees propose the following policy on Guests at the scientific meeting. Note that these rules do not apply to guests at social events, who may be allowed to attend each year at the discretion of the Local Arrangements Chair (i.e., space permitting).

1. Members should typically invite only one Guest to the annual meeting. Exceptions are extended to those giving invited addresses (President, Sells, and Cattell Award recipients) as well as those helping with local arrangements as specified in point 4 below.
2. In general, a person who is invited as a Guest should not have attended any of the previous four annual meetings. This rule is designed to limit the number of repeat-guests. Exceptions to this rule are governed by points 4 and 5 below.
3. Students presenting at the SMEP Graduate Student poster sessions, as well as the organizer(s) of these sessions, are considered to be guests of their respective SMEP member. Note that student presenters should not have attended any previous meeting as specified in point 2 above.
4. Colleagues and students of the Local Arrangements Chair (LAC) may be invited as Guests by the LAC.
5. Persons who are associated with the publications of the Society may be invited as guests by the MBR Editor, SMEP Book Series Editor, President, or Trustees.
6. The LAC, in consultation with the Coordinating Officer, may put a cap on the total number of Guests in a given year. The Coordinating Officer will solicit the names of the proposed Guests in the summer before the meeting to monitor the expected number of Guests. If a cap is needed, requests for Guest invitations from members who have not invited Guests recently will be given higher priority than those who recently sponsored Guests.
7. Exceptions to these guidelines can be granted by the Coordinating Officer in consultation with the LAC and Past President.

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