

## **Junior Investigator Oral Presentation Session: Early Stage Investigator Grant Proposal Mentoring Session**

### **Instructions for Discussants**

The discussants selected and paired with the junior investigators are a key feature of this session at the International Stroke Conference. This is a unique opportunity for junior investigators to receive constructive feedback from senior investigators in a supportive atmosphere of collaboration. Junior investigators will gain valuable experience from this opportunity to get suggestions on refining their research idea in an oral session. This interaction should be direct, supportive and positive. The following are guidelines for discussants participating in this session.

1. Discussants will address the junior investigator and the audience from the floor microphone after the junior investigator has completed his/her 5 minute presentation.
2. Discussants will have a total of 5 minutes to briefly summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed grant's aims, significance, approach and innovation.
3. Discussants may also make suggestions regarding environment or expertise needed on the grant if appropriate.
4. Discussants are asked to react to the presentation of the grant concept in the role of study section reviewer; however, they are not to give a score *per se* to the grant concept presented.
5. After the conclusion of the discussant's 5 minutes, there will be 6 minutes allowed for open discussion run by the session moderators encouraging comments from the audience.
6. Discussants, in conjunction with the session moderators, should allow for other comments from the audience to be heard if time allows.
7. Discussants should frame their comments in a positive and constructive spirit of collaboration and mentoring.

It is important for the success of this session's format that discussants limit their remarks to their 5 minute limit.