

The 13th Great Lakes Glia Meeting

Venue: The 13th Great Lakes Glia Meeting will be held October 9th-October 11th at the Park Place Hotel, in Traverse City, MI. Note that the meeting will be held from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning. The Sunday-Tuesday venue for the meeting allows us to book rooms for **only \$134.95/night**. A very limited number of rooms are available after the meeting at the **normal rate of \$259.95/night** rate. The Park Place offers many amenities including, swimming pool, lounge, fitness center, and complimentary shuttle service to and from Traverse City's Cherry Capital Airport. The hotel has been fully renovated in the past year so if you've been there before you'll be impressed with the changes made, **including the new grand conference center on the main floor!** Check the Park Place Hotel website <https://www.park-place-hotel.com> for pictures and more information.

Sessions and Speakers: The attached flyer lists keynote speakers, session organizers, and session speakers. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK! Our speakers are nationally and internationally recognized experts. We have keynote speakers and several unique sessions covering hot topics on glia-neuronal communication, plus our sessions on neuro-immunology, astrocytes and oligodendrocytes.

Registration Fees: A registration form for the meeting is also attached. The registration fees include attendance to all scientific meetings, two dinners and refreshments, reception, two breakfasts, program booklet, and processing of registration. The fees for 2022 are \$275 for faculty (\$300 after Sept 23rd), \$100 for postdoctoral fellow or graduate student, \$200 for companion and \$100 for child. For students, the \$100 fee is a superb deal as it includes meals and refreshments. The \$100 rate for students and postdoctoral fellows is courtesy of support from organizations and companies. This reduced rate, along with a very reasonable lodging rate, should permit Principal Investigators to bring students from their lab.

What a deal! Fellow Gliaphiles, for about \$500 and less for students, registration, food, refreshments, lodging, and gas can be covered. Plus, you get 22 talks by leaders in their fields and numerous occasions to interact with faculty and colleagues, a good number of whom serve on NIH Study Sections. How much did the last ASN/ISN or SfN meeting cost you? And you can submit more than one abstract per person with no extra charge.

Posters: This year we will again have a contest for best posters, one for graduate students and another for postgraduate fellows with prizes. The prizes for the last few sessions were substantial, and if you win, you can put it on your C.V. Poster and abstract info is attached.

Images: For the cover of the session's booklet, we will entertain attractive, eye-catching glial pictures from everyone. The images will be anonymously judged by a panel of glial histologists to use for the cover. Please send by early September to: dlfeins@uic.edu. Include a brief (1-2 sentences) description of what the image represents.

Website: Dr. Minnetta Gardinier of University of Iowa will have a website up and running within the next couple of months.

Kudos: This year for 2022, Drs. Doug Feinstein and Pamela Knapp from the University of Illinois in Chicago and Virginia Commonwealth University took the lead in organizing the scientific sessions.

Most important! Please make your reservations for the Park Place Hotel as soon as possible as the hotel gets booked quickly by leaf peepers. We have a limited number of single and double rooms reserved for our meeting on Sun, Mon, and Tues (10-09 through 10-11) at \$134.95 (+6% sales tax+ local assessment fee). Once they are gone... they are gone. We cannot add more to the group rate. There are a few on Saturday at the still discounted, but much higher rate of \$259.95. At the website, regular rates for the weekend are \$350-400! Reservations must be made by phone (231-946-5000). Use the code "**GLIA22**" to access the meeting rates. ALL ROOMS IN OUR GROUP THAT REMAIN UNRESERVED WILL BE RETURNED TO GENERAL BOOKING BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1st, 2022... which means that they return to market rate. So... book early!

Contact info for questions, concerns, or additional information:

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