

AOCNS-2015 Scientific Program Policy

The scientific program for AOCNS-2015 has been developed to ensure quality and diversity of science while taking into consideration fair representation of member countries and by gender. With this in mind the Scientific Program Committee has surveyed the AONSA member societies to obtain number and gender of their members. This information is summarized in the table below;

Member society	males	females	% females per society	total members per society	% of total AONSA membership
ANBUG (AU/NZ)	226	49	18%	275	14%
CNSS (CN)	259	86	25%	345	18%
NSSI (IN)	146	13	8%	159	8%
JSNS (JP)	569	44	7%	613	31%
KNBUA (KR)	282	35	11%	317	16%
TWNSS (TW)	197	43	18%	240	12%
total AONSA membership	1679	270	14%	1949	

The selection process for invited speakers is based on scientific merit, as demonstrated by publications in high impact scientific journals since the last AOCNS. Other contributing factors are;

- to only consider research involving neutron scattering,
- to distribute plenary and keynote speeches in proportion to the number of contributions in the various scientific themes (initially based on proportions at AOCNS-2011),
- that (apart from neutron facility directors) no one who gave an invited speech at AOCNS-2011 would be invited to speak at AOCNS2015,
- to give fair consideration to the balance of speakers from the member countries of AONSA,
- to give fair consideration to the gender balance of speakers.

The scientific program statistics are as follows;

Program Category	AU	CN	ID	IN	JP	KR	NZ	SG	TH	TW	other	female
Program committee	17%	17%	6%	11%	11%	11%	6%	6%	-	17%	-	17%
Plenary Speakers¹	20%	20%	-	-	20%	-	20%	-	-	-	20%	20%
Keynote speakers	21%	4%	-	8%	33%	17%	-	-	4%	8%	4%	13%
Contributed orals	50%	7%	1%	9%	14%	7%	1%	-	-	6%	5%	29%
Posters	45%	7%	1%	2%	23%	17%	0%	-	-	3%	2%	13%
Abstract reviewers	31%	8%	3%	13%	13%	10%	5%	8%	-	10%	-	23%
Session chairs	45%	-	-	3%	19%	13%	-	-	-	10%	10%	19%
Attendance	38.6%	10.5%	1.1%	4.3%	20.9%	12.6%	0.7%	-	0.4%	4.3%	6.6%	17%
Instrument workshop chairs²	100%											33%

Footnotes from table of conference statistics;

¹ Includes speakers invited on scientific merit, excludes AONSA 2015 prize winner and neutron facility directors

² The instrument workshop will cover 6 topics; all topic chairs are Bragg Institute scientists

AOCNS 2015; Conference Attendance;

Total of 277 delegates

