



Sixth International Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) Meeting
May 30-June 3, 2016
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, CA

Plans for the 6th International Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) Meeting are underway. This year's meeting will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in California from May 30-June 3, 2016. We are anticipating that 350 scientists, researchers, engineers and postdocs and graduates students from BCI research groups around the world will converge at this year's meeting. As in the past, the core funding for the meeting is provided by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and this year's coordinating sponsor is the University of Michigan.

BCI research seeks to provide communication and control technology that does not rely on neuromuscular output. BCI's can restore the capacity for communication and control to people with severe disabilities, by enabling them to use brain signals rather than muscles to control cursor movements, make selections on a computer screen, operate neuroprostheses, and/or use a wide variety of other devices. Applications in rehabilitation of stroke and other impairments are also emerging.

Effective BCI research depends on interdisciplinary interactions among neuroscientists, psychologists and engineers, applied mathematicians, computer scientists, psychiatrists and clinical rehabilitation specialists. This meeting is the *only* venue which brings all of these groups together and attendance has increased with the rapid growth of the field. Fifty researchers participated in 1999, 90 in 2002, 160 in 2005, 280 in 2010, and 301 in 2013. With this continued growth we are expecting more than 350 researchers will participate this year.

As we cannot completely depend on grant funding to offset 100% of our costs to produce this important meeting, we are seeking your support by sponsoring student(s) or specific parts of the meeting. Please see the included list of support opportunities available this year.

The goal of the 2016 meeting is to continue to make forward progress toward everyday use of BCIs by the many severely disabled people who need this new technology. You can help us meet this goal by reading the sponsorship matrix and completing the sponsorship form (enclosed) and returning it by **Friday, March 11, 2016**. Your help in any capacity will be greatly appreciated and help us move toward our goals.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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