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**Tennessee Academy of Science**  
2020 Annual Meeting Announcement  
Call for Papers

The 130<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science will be hosted virtually by East Tennessee State University on November 21, 2020. There will be no charge for the meeting and we encourage you to invite interested colleagues and students to attend. Once you pre-register for the meeting, a printable program will be emailed to you with links and information on how to virtually join the conference sessions.

The plenary session for this year's meeting will feature Dr. Lev Yampolsky from the Department of Biological Sciences at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Yampolsky is a geneticist who studies the evolution of gene expression as it relates to changes in the environment or genetic background. He earned his Ph.D. in Genetics at the Russian Academy of Sciences and his BS degree in Biology at Moscow State University. His talk is titled "Detecting Selection: What Can Amino Acid Changes Tell Us about Evolution?"

Tennessee Academy of Science Members and individuals, including students sponsored by TAS members, are invited to present at the Annual Meeting. Titles and abstracts should be submitted in the required format by midnight **October 15, 2020** using the electronic abstract submission form. More information about the submission process is included in the Abstract Submission Instructions and can be found on the TAS website.

For your convenience, you can renew your Tennessee Academy of Science membership and register for the Annual Meeting online at <http://www.tennacadofsci.org>. Pre-registration will close on **Monday, November 16, 2020**. Although you will still be able to register virtually after this deadline similar to on site registration at in person meetings, it is helpful for planning purposes if you can pre-register. If you prefer to mail in your conference registration and membership renewal, keep in mind that the postmark deadline is **Monday, November 9, 2020**. Any questions about the annual meeting should be directed to your section chairperson or the annual meeting coordinator Dr. J. Allyn Smith ([smithj@apsu.edu](mailto:smithj@apsu.edu)).

We look forward to virtually seeing you at the Tennessee Academy of Science Meeting on November 21, 2020! Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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