

2010 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Inc.

***The deadline to submit an abstract is Monday, February 8, 2010 at 12:01 am, EST.**

Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals

The Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (Academy) was established in 2009 as a merged organization of the American Paraplegia Society (APS), American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses (AASCIN), American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers (AASCIPSW), and the Therapy Leadership Council in Spinal Cord Injury (TLC in SCI).

The vision of the Academy's Annual Meeting is to serve as an educational venue bringing together professionals representing the full spectrum of spinal cord injury healthcare to enhance multi-disciplinary care across the lifespan of individuals with spinal cord injury and related diseases (SCI/D).

The mission is to advance spinal cord healthcare, promote educational opportunities for SCI/D professionals, provide a forum for networking, improve access to quality healthcare, disseminate information, and encourage SCI/D-related research

Annual Meeting Theme: Breaking Barriers

While persons living with SCI/D face obvious barriers each day, healthcare professionals also cope with numerous barriers. Healthcare workers and the people they serve are creative and innovative in facing these obstacles. The 2010 Annual Meeting will focus on the novel ideas, strategies, and methods in which we work as a team to promote and achieve successful outcomes in the area of SCI/D.

Target Audience

The Academy's Annual Meeting includes approximately 800 healthcare professionals representing specialties involved in the management of spinal cord injury/disease (SCI/D). Professionals attending include, but are not limited to, physicians, basic and clinical researchers, physician assistants, nurses, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation counselors, physical and occupational therapists, as well as residents, fellows, and students from various professions.

The Annual Meeting program will include selected presentations invited by the Academy Program Committee:

Keynote Address: A lecture, the purpose of which is to provide analytic summary on the Annual Meeting theme.

Donald Munro Lecture: A lecture honoring the memory and distinguished service of Dr. Donald Munro, a pioneer in the field of SCI/D.

Essie Morgan Lecture: A lecture honoring Essie Morgan and her outstanding leadership in the areas of psychosocial adjustment and rehabilitation of persons with SCI/D in service delivery, research, education and administration.

James J. Peters Lecture: A lecture honoring the commitment and dedication of James J. Peters to improving the quality of life of persons with SCI/D through rehabilitation, research, legislation, advocacy, and disability rights.

Ernest Bors Award Presentation: A presentation honoring the lifelong commitment of Dr. Ernest Bors to spinal cord injury research and education. The Editorial Board of *Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine* selects the recipient of the Ernest Bors Award based on a published manuscript of original work.

Suggested Topics on SCI/D under the Theme include, but are not limited to, the following:

Health and Wellness following SCI/D
Outcome Measures
Evidence-based practice and practice-based evidence
Dual Diagnoses (SCI/D and additional diagnoses)
Research and Basic Science
Social Policy

You do not need to be a member of the Academy to submit an abstract. The submitter will be required to select a primary professional category/audience. Each Section of the Academy, noted below, reviews submitted abstracts, and final decisions of acceptance/non-acceptance are made by the Academy Program Committee. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be made by March 31, 2010. The time and format of accepted presentations are determined by the Academy Program Committee.

If an abstract is accepted for presentation, the presenter must register for the Annual Meeting. Registration fees are not waived for Annual Meeting faculty.

Abstracts are intended to represent clinical practice, research or social policy content related to spinal cord injury or disease. Commercial content, product or service related advertisements are not permitted. The online system will accept submissions until 12:01am Eastern Time on Monday, February 8, 2010.

Annual Meeting Presentation Formats

1. Paper (Only)
2. Symposium/Workshop
3. Focus Session
4. Poster (Only)
5. Paper or Poster

1. Paper:

Presentations may be on research or clinical issues. They are up to 30 minutes in length with allotted time for questions and discussion. These are grouped in 60 to 90 minute moderated time blocks according to topic similarities and focus. Members of the Board of Directors and Academy Program Committee serve as moderators. Papers presented at other conferences or meetings will be considered, provided that the material has not been published as a full manuscript. *Be sure to include time for Q&A.

2. Symposium/Workshop:

Scheduled for up to 120 minutes, involving up to 4 presenters, oriented around a central theme (see Symposium Guidelines, below) *Be sure to include time for Q&A.

3. Focus Session:

Scheduled for 45 minute time block for in depth discussion of a topic by leading authorities. Attendees are practitioners in the field and participate in a group discussion. Discussion may include case reports. *Be sure to include time for Q&A.

4. Poster:

The Annual Meeting uses only an electronic visual formatted presentation on 52" color monitors. Presenters have the opportunity to discuss with attendees pertinent issues highlighted in the poster. Viewing sessions are scheduled throughout the Annual Meeting. Presenters must be available during the designated viewing sessions.

Abstracts and all supporting material must be submitted electronically by Monday, February 8, 2010, 12:01 AM, EST. **Only electronically submitted material will be considered.**

Accepted abstracts will not be returned for editing or proofing. Authors are responsible for ensuring that the text is accurate, concise, and clear, including any sources of funding. The abstract should not exceed 350 words.

****Read all guidelines carefully and adhere to all requirements.**

Paper/Symposium/Workshop/Focus Session Abstract Submission Requirements & Guidelines

Accreditation Requirements

All submitted abstracts must meet accreditation standards to be approved. Only enter information for presenters who will be attending and presenting at the Academy's Annual Meeting.

For each session you will need to submit/complete the following:

Session Title not to exceed 10 words (no abbreviations or acronyms)

Session Description

3 measurable learning objectives using action verbs i.e. describe, explain, discuss etc.

When necessary include a bibliography or cited references

Signed disclosure form for each presenter

CV, Bio, or Resume for each presenter no more than 2 pages

*Per accreditation guidelines once an abstract has been submitted for accreditation review no presenter substitutions will be made.

Completed PowerPoint presentation submitted to danastasia@chepinc.org at least 30 days prior to the event

Identify a target audience

Content Requirements:

Background: Brief introduction, statement of objectives or hypothesis

Design: Setting, study design, follow-up, outcomes

Methods: Study population, selection criteria, essential features of interventions/observations, statistical analysis

Results: Data analysis should indicate findings in narrative (rather than tabular format), confidence intervals, and statistical significance

Conclusion(s): Supported by evidence, include clinical relevance and application

Content Guidelines:

Avoid general statements such as:

“The results of the study will be presented.”

“The significance of the data will be discussed.”

Abstracts on completed research must include data analyses

Case presentations are encouraged to include:

Objectives

Design (case presentation)

Results & conclusions

Narrative abstracts will be considered if a concise description of the following information is included: demographics, clinical course, unique characteristics, treatment/intervention, results/outcome, and clinical significance.

In the text, an abbreviated word or term must be spelled out at first use with its abbreviation or acronym in parentheses.

Additional Symposium/Workshop Guidelines:

A symposium is a focused session scheduled for up to 120 minutes and involving up to 4 presenters including a moderator presenting on topics oriented to a central theme.

The symposium is an integration of theories, concepts and findings.

The moderator, who organizes the symposium, must obtain a commitment from the participants to attend the Annual Meeting prior to submitting any abstracts.

Each abstract should contain elements for publication: background, research design, methods, results and conclusions.

The time allotment for the symposium will be equally distributed among the presenters with 15 minutes at the end reserved for discussion and questions.

Poster Abstract Submission Requirements

A poster is an electronic visual formatted presentation of a topic using charts, graphs, illustrations, and photographs to supplement a written narrative. The topic may be clinically or research based, or describe new techniques, procedures, or technologies. It provides a visual forum for one-to-one discussion with the presenter.

The presenter must be available at designated times, as specified in the program, to discuss information with conferees.

The abstract must contain all of the following elements: objectives, problem statement, methods, data analysis, significance and conclusion. It must also include a source of funding statement, if applicable.

High quality images or illustrations are valuable methods for conveying information. It is important to ensure correct placement of the images relative to the text to enable smooth reading of the poster. Sequence the viewing of the poster with arrows, letters, or numbers so it is self-explanatory

Reference to equipment or pharmaceutical products must use the correct manufacturer and trade name.

Appropriate acknowledgements for financial support must be declared. In all cases, patient anonymity must be protected in accordance with the HIPPA Privacy Law

Accepted poster abstract will receive specific technical template instructions for maximum display on our electronic system.

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