CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ACADEMY OF SPINAL CORD INJURY PROFESSIONALS

2018 Educational Conference & Expo

New Orleans Marriott - New Orleans, Louisiana

September 2-5, 2018

Submission website open: December 7, 2017

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 15, 2018 (Midnight Central)

Online submission only here.

Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals

The Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) is an interdisciplinary organization of healthcare providers, researchers and advocates dedicated to improving outcomes for people with spinal cord injury/disorder (SCI/D). We invite you to submit an abstract for our 2018 Educational Conference to be held in New Orleans. We welcome all abstracts for review but are particularly interested in abstracts that demonstrate an interdisciplinary approach to achieving successful outcomes. Please refer to the Academy website for more information.

The objectives of our annual conference include advancing spinal cord healthcare through the use of scientific research and practice updates, promoting educational opportunities for SCI/D professionals, providing a forum for networking, improving access to quality healthcare, promoting quality of life, disseminating information, and encouraging SCI/D related research.

Conference Theme: **Stronger Together: *Passion, Purpose and Possibilities in SCI/D***

The 2018 Educational Conference will provide a venue to promote (best) medicine and rehabilitation for spinal cord injury and disorders such as spina bifida, ALS, multiple sclerosis, and other spinal compromise and deterioration in adults and children related to:

- Basic Science
- Best Practices
- Ethics
- Current Research
- New Innovations
- Education
- Administration

Target Audience

The Academy's annual conference includes healthcare professionals representing a variety of specialties involved in the management of spinal cord injury/disorder (SCI/D). Professionals attending include, but are not limited to: physicians, basic scientists and clinical researchers, physician assistants, nurses, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation counselors, dietitians, therapeutic recreation specialists, speech pathologists, physical and occupational therapists, as well as residents, fellows, and students from various professions.

Abstract Submission Requirements

Information should include:

- Summary of themes applicable to multiple disciplines
- Expanded discussion of learning objectives
- Outline of issues/subjects to be discussed
- If applicable, information regarding a report on a study, including design, follow-up and outcomes should be included.
- In all cases, patient anonymity must be protected in accordance with the HIPPA Privacy Law.

Poster and Trainee Recognition for Research Awards

The Academy Research Committee (ARC) will be offering FOUR trainees/residents/interns** - one from each discipline of ASCIP (APS, PSWC, SCIN, TLC) - the opportunity for a 10-minute plenary presentation on his or her research at this annual event - five minutes will be reserved for audience questions and discussions. There will also be a total of EIGHT poster awards (THREE of which are presented to non-trainees). Presenters and topics will be listed in the conference program and certificates will be awarded to each presenter. If an abstract is chosen as a platform presentation award it will not be eligible for poster award.

*** Must be actively engaged in a matriculated academic program, have load greater than or equal to 50% full time, and are not working full time. Also includes residents and/or fellows who have expressed interest in SCI/D.*

Eligibility for Trainee Awards:

- Research must have been conducted as a trainee (undergraduate or graduate) from any discipline associated with our organization within the past 5 years.
- Mentorship must be recognized in the presentation.
- One trainee will be selected to present for each discipline within ASCIP.
- Designate on abstract system that you are eligible for trainee awards.

Available Awards:

- ASCIP Best Empirical Research Poster Award
- ASCIP Best Clinical Demonstration Poster Award
- ASCIP Diversity Poster Award
- POSTER for Best Clinical Practice, PSWC Trainee (Adcock).
- POSTER for Best APS Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)

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- POSTER for Best SCIN Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)
- POSTER for Best TLC Trainee (research, clinical practice or diversity)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best APS Trainee Poster (research)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best PSWC Trainee Poster (research)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best SCIN Trainee Poster (research)
- PLENARY PRESENTATION: Best TLC Trainee Poster (research)

Questions/Contact Information:

If you have any PROGRAM questions contact Linda Madaris – 2018 Academy Program Committee Chair - at linda.mad@verizon.net.

If you have any TECHNICAL ASSITANCE questions for the online system contact Kim Ruff at kruff@firminc.com.