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41ST MOHS COLLEGE ANNUAL MEETING
AUSTIN HILTON - APRIL 23 - 26, 2009

Call for Abstracts

<http://www.mohscollege.org/annualmeeting/>

*Changes to the Abstract Categories
for the 41st ACMS Annual Meeting*

**Research (Traditional) &
Clinical Pearls (NEW!)**

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ACMS

Dear Colleagues,

We cordially invite you to be a part of the outstanding scientific program that is being planned for the 41st ACMS Annual Meeting by submitting an abstract(s) to be considered for presentation. The Annual Meeting will be held from April 23-26, 2009 at the Austin Hilton in Austin, TX.

This is a perfect opportunity to become more involved in the college. Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentations. Submission instructions are accessed through the abstract submission website at: <http://mohscollege.abstractcentral.com/>.

This year, we redefined the abstract categories.

1. **Research Abstract (Traditional):**
These abstracts will be selected based on originality of work, science, and potential clinical value, relevance to Mohs procedures, conclusions confirmed by objective results, objectivity of statements, description of methods used, ethics, and overall impression. Emphasis will be on research, studies, and case series.
2. **Clinical Pearls Abstracts (New):**
These abstracts will be selected based on practicality, innovation, and clinical value. Our goal is to give the members an opportunity to present practice pearls, interesting cases, novel reconstructive, and Mohs laboratory techniques that do not necessarily need a research design.

We look forward to having a stimulating and diverse selection of topics at the 2009 ACMS Annual Meeting, and hope you will contribute to the meeting's success by submitting an abstract.

Ken K. Lee, MD
2009 Scientific Program Chair

Duane C. Whitaker, MD
ACMS President

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Important Dates

Please note that deadlines will not be extended for any reason.

Deadline for submission:
11:59 pm EDT October 15, 2008

Author notified via email:
November 18, 2008

Late-breaking abstract submissions accepted:
December 12, 2008 – 11:59 pm EST January 11, 2009

Late-breaking authors notified:
February 11, 2009

Abstract withdrawal deadline:
March 14, 2009

Submission:

Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentation. When submitting your abstract(s), please identify the category — research or clinical. Instructions are provided when you start the submissions process on the ACMS abstract submission site at: <http://mohscollege.abstractcentral.com/>.

Abstract submission and meeting registration:

Abstract submission constitutes a formal commitment by the author to present the abstract orally or as a poster and at the time assigned by the Scientific Program Committee. The author is required to register for the annual meeting at the appropriate registration fee.

Abstract withdrawal:

If an author wishes to withdraw an abstract, a written request must be sent/emailed to the ACMS office no later than March 14, 2009, to ensure it is not published in the Program book.

For more information contact:

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Reviewing:

Reviewers will independently blind-review the abstracts and score them according to the originality of work, its science and potential clinical value, relevance to Mohs procedures, conclusions confirmed by objective results, objectivity of statements, description of methods used, ethics, and overall impression.

It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that the text does not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors, as, if accepted, the abstract will be reproduced in the program book exactly as submitted. No proofreading will be performed and no correction will be possible after the submission deadline.

Acceptance will be at the sole discretion of the Scientific Program Committee, with priority given to work that is original and has not yet been presented or submitted elsewhere. Decisions of the reviewers are final.

Grounds for disqualification:

1. Identifying industry, institution, authors, titles, phrases, etc. compromises the blinded review process. Any submission that includes identifying word(s) will be disqualified.
2. For research abstracts to be considered, research must be underway at the time of submission and complete in advance of the meeting.
3. Research abstract submissions that do not have an ACMS member or fellow trainee as an author must submit their CV at the time of submission.
4. Only electronic submissions will be reviewed.
5. No changes or additions may be made to submitted abstracts after the deadline.
6. All accepted abstract presenters will be required to disclose any commercial conflicts of interest.

Oral presentations:

If an abstract is selected for oral presentation, the author is requested to present it at a specifically assigned session. Final confirmation of the meeting room, date, and time details will be communicated to the author, starting in March 2009. Oral presentations must be formatted and presented electronically; slide presentations will not be accepted.

Poster presentations:

If an abstract is accepted for a poster presentation, the author must set-up the poster on Wednesday, April 22 from 3 – 6 pm and remove posters Saturday, April 25 from 3 – 7 pm. Poster specifications are located online at: <http://www.mohscollege.org/annualmeeting/PosterSpecifications.pdf>.

Tromovitch Award Competition:

- The award will be available to anyone who is a fellow-in-training or in the first year after leaving an ACMS approved fellowship.
- One or two awards may be given each year. The decision will be made onsite after the presentations. In some years, there may be no award.
- The subject matter should be appropriate for cutaneous oncologists/Mohs micrographic surgeons.
- It must be original research done by the fellow during his/her year of training.
- Tromovitch-eligible abstracts submitted in this first round of abstract review can include incomplete research. Please include preliminary results in your submission if the study is not complete and plan to have research complete prior to the Annual Meeting.
- The Scientific Program Committee will review all Tromovitch submitted abstracts and decide which ones will be invited to present at the meeting.
- Only one presentation per fellow is eligible for the award even if more than one presentation is selected for the annual meeting.
- The applicant is responsible for applying for the Tromovitch Award at the time of submission on the ACMS abstract submission site at: <http://mohscollege.abstractcentral.com/>.
- The winner will be announced at the ACMS Business meeting and at the Fellowship Training Reception in Austin.
- Recipients of the Tromovitch Award must submit an article suitable for publication in the *Journal of Dermatologic Surgery*.
- The recipient will receive a plaque, complimentary membership dues his/her first year of membership in the College, and free registration at the subsequent Annual Meeting.
- The article must be submitted (receipt confirmed by Journal) to the *Journal of Dermatologic Surgery* before complimentary dues or free meeting registration is provided.



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