American Federation for Medical Research and Participating Societies

Regional Meetings

Call for Abstracts

Award Opportunities Available

Southern Regional Meetings
For 2021 Only: Virtual Meeting
February 25-27, 2021

Abstract Deadline:
October 9, 2020
11:59 pm EST

Western Medical Research Conference
For 2021 Only: Virtual Meeting
January 29-30, 2021

Abstract Deadline:
September 25, 2020
11:59 pm PST

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Important Information

After careful consideration, WMRC and SRM have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 face-to-face meetings scheduled to take place in Carmel, California January 27-30, 2021 and February 25-27, 2021 in New Orleans due to uncertainties regarding the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

However, keeping in mind the importance of career development of students and trainees doing research, the Western American Federation for Medical Research (WAFMR) and Western Society for Pediatric Research (WSPR) have decided to host a Virtual Meeting for those that would like to ensure that students and trainees continue to have a forum to present their ongoing research without much disruption.

The Southern Regional Meeting societies include SAFMR, SSCI, SSPR and APA are also mindful of the importance of career development of students and trainees doing research and will also be hosting a Virtual Meeting for those that would like to ensure that students and trainees continue to have a forum to present their ongoing research without much disruption.

This abstract brochure is for the 2021 Western and Southern regional scientific meetings and meetings of other participating societies held in conjunction with these meetings. Included in the Call for Abstracts brochure is information unique to the Western and Southern regional meetings. Investigators may submit abstracts to any of the regional meetings regardless of the section or geographic area in which s/he resides. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form for each of the regional meetings which is found on the Internet at http://wrn2021.abstractcentral.com or http://srn2021.abstractcentral.com. It is required of all abstract submitters to complete a CME Disclosure Form. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Regional Meetings please visit the AFMR website (http://www.afmr.org). It is REQUIRED that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 888-503-1050 / 434-964-4100 or email: ts.acsupport@thomson.com. Technical Support Hours: 12:00 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday. There is no technical support on Saturday or Sunday. If other questions arise, email Lori.Ennis@medpubinc.com for assistance.

Information for Fellows, Trainees, and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

WESTERN MEETING: The WAFMR/WSPR virtual conference will accept abstract submissions and the top scoring abstracts will be given the opportunity to give a virtual oral presentation or a virtual poster presentation as well as be eligible for research awards. The abstracts will continue to be published in the Journal of Investigative Medicine.

SOUTHERN MEETING: The SAFMR/SSCI/SSPR and APA virtual conference will accept abstract submissions and the top scoring abstracts will be given the opportunity to give a virtual oral presentation or a virtual poster presentation as well as be eligible for research awards. The abstracts will continue to be published in the Journal of Investigative Medicine.

Abstract Policies

No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation (whether or not selected for presentation) will be published at the discretion of the Regional Program Committees. The decisions of the Program Committees are final. Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the deadline.

2. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations. Submitter will not be given a choice upon submission.

3. AFMR requires a nonrefundable abstract fee of $75.00 to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is separate from the registration fee. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa). No checks or purchase orders will be accepted.

4. INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE: AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see Clinical Research, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. Each abstract must comply with the following:
(1) personal responsibility for assuring that, at the time of the meeting for which it is being considered, the material herein will not have been published; (2) the material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience like a subspecialty meeting, such that the material will be new to the broader audience; (3) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it; (4) that any animal studies conform with the “Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals” of the American Physiological Society; (5) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (6) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and uploaded with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee and will not prejudice review of the abstract.

Abstract Procedures

Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission. All users are considered New and must Create an Account.

1. For the Western Regional Meeting proceed to: http://wrn2021.abstractcentral.com. For the Southern Regional Meeting proceed to: http://srn2021.abstractcentral.com
2. The first step is to "Create an Account". Information is not saved from one year to the next. Click on the "Create an Account" link in the left side bar menu. During account creation, please bear in mind:
   A. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
   B. Your e-mail address is the primary method of correspondence. All system e-mails and other notifications related to the meeting will be sent to this address. Please keep your e-mail address up-to-date!
   C. The User ID and password that you create will be needed to log into the site after your account is created. Your User ID must be at least 6 characters long and can be a combination of letters and numbers. User ID and Password are case-sensitive.
   D. The last step in creating your account is to request a “role.” For example, if you are requesting the “Abstract Submission” role, you need only check the box and you will receive the role automatically. You will then be able to submit an abstract by logging in, then clicking on the “Submission” tab at the top of the page. If you are not the presenter, you must have all of their information to complete the submission.
3. Once you have logged in using your User Name and Password, click on the Submission tab at the top of page, then on the “Create a New Submission” link located on the left-hand menu bar.
4. It is recommended that you step through the submission pages in a methodical manner, going page by page and filling in the information as you go along, beginning with Step 1: Title/Body page.
5. The title must be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in UPPERCASE letters. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in mixed case. Abbreviations must not be used in the title.
6. Do not include authors or institutions in the body of your abstract. Type or copy/paste each section of the abstract body into their respective fields. On Step 1: Title/Body page, the body of the abstract must be separated into the fields designated as: Purpose of Study, Methods Used, Summary of Results, and Conclusions, respectively.
7. You must complete the Disclosure Information on Step 2: Disclosures page.
8. There is a limit of 2500 characters for the text of your abstract submission. This includes authors, institutions, tables, images, abstract title, abstract body, as well as all spaces.
9. You may add as many tables as you wish. However, each row in the table will deduct approximately 50 characters from the character limit of 2500 characters.
10. Please enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. Complete contact information must be entered for the Presenting Author and the Contact Author. Only name and email address are required for co-authors. If you (the Contact Author) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide full contact information on the Presenter.
11. Enter all department and institutional affiliations. Department is an optional field. Only three (3) institutional affiliations will be allowed per author. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.
12. Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting is displaying properly in your proof. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page by clicking on the page name in the sidebar menu, and make your corrections.
13. If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. In the case of missing items, you will be prompted to enter the missing information. When all required information is entered, click “Submit” to submit your abstract. Payment is required to complete submission of the abstract.
The virtual meeting will be held over January 29-30, 2021. Top scoring abstracts will be given the opportunity to give a virtual oral presentation or a virtual poster presentation.

The abstract fee of $75 will also cover the meeting registration this year, so no additional charge due to it being a Virtual Meeting. The abstract deadline is **September 25, 2020**. The abstract site will open in mid-July and abstracts can be submitted by going to [http://wrm2021.abstractcentral.com](http://wrm2021.abstractcentral.com)

**Registration Information for Attendees:**
Pre-registration for faculty, fellows, students, and residents is available on-line via [www.medpubinc.com](http://www.medpubinc.com). Choose the Meeting Registration tab at the top of the page, next page choose **2021 WRMC Meeting**. There will not be an additional charge for meeting registration this year due to it being held virtually.

WAFMR and WSPR hope that you will join us in this new adventure of a Virtual Meeting for 2021.
Western Award Considerations

- **Fellows, Trainees, and Junior Faculty Awards.** These awards will be presented to meritorious abstracts for selected subspecialties. The abstract will be chosen for an award based on score.

- **WAFMR Young Investigator Award.** A young investigator award will be presented by WAFMR for the outstanding abstract submitted by a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor level). Candidates for the award must be available the day of presentation at the 2021 Virtual Western Medical Research Conference. Candidates are requested to upload the individual’s curriculum vitae, a letter of nomination from their section/division chief or chair attesting to the significance of the work, and a copy of their abstract marked “COPY” by September 25, 2020. This information should be uploaded via the ScholarOne website when you submit your abstract.

- **WSPR** offers several annual research and educational awards as outlined in the WSPR Spring Newsletter and WSPR website. Awards that require nomination include an Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Award, David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award, and Joseph St. Geme Education Award. Highest rated abstract for medical student receives the Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award and the highest rated abstract for PL1, PL2, PL3 pediatric trainee receives the Abbott Nutrition Pediatric Resident Award. There are awards for the highest rated abstract in each WSPR session.

- **WAFMR/WSPR Outstanding Student Research Awards.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by students in each subspecialty. This award will recognize outstanding abstracts presented by students.

- **WAFMR/WSPR Outstanding Resident Research Awards.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed or physiologic case reports given by residents.

- **AFMR Henry Christian Awards** - These awards were established in 1990 to honor the founder of AFMR, Dr. Henry Christian. Each year, the awards will be given to the presenter (or first author) of the most outstanding abstracts submitted to each of the four AFMR Regional Meetings: the Western Medical Research Conference in Carmel, the Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans, the Eastern Regional Meeting in Philadelphia, and/or the Midwest Clinical & Translational Research Meeting in Chicago.

  **Criteria/Eligibility:**
  Candidates must be physicians who are post-MD trainees, including residents, clinical fellows, physicians pursuing PhDs or other graduate degrees, and other post-doctoral fellows. To qualify for the Henry Christian Award, applicants must be an AFMR member in good standing. You may go online to join AFMR or renew your Membership. Candidates are required to upload a curriculum vitae at time of submission.