Call for Abstracts
Lab Medicine 2016 - 51st Annual ACLPS Meeting

Session for Submitted Scientific Papers
Presentation Format
Abstracts from trainees which are accepted for the session for submitted scientific papers will be given as either an oral or poster presentations. Oral presentations are limited to exactly ten minutes with an additional five minutes for discussion and questions from the floor. Company or manufacturer emblems are not permitted in the presentation. Abstracts are welcome from both trainees and faculty members. Submissions from those who have completed training will be presented at the poster session.

***NOTE: This year, ACLPS is implementing a new web-based electronic submission system for the meeting abstracts. No longer will authors be asked to submit file attachments to an email inbox or to fax printed versions of their submissions. The system is new to ACLPS, and authors are encouraged to register on the website early, and to have backup files of their submissions on hand, if needed.***

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts
An electronic version of the completed abstract must be received at the Ex Ordo website (http://aclps2016.exordo.com/) by 11:59 PM Eastern Time, Monday, February 29, 2016. The submission website will lock down at the appointed hour. The speakers disclosure form and copyright release form (if required) will be requested subsequently for abstracts that are accepted into the program

An abstract may be submitted as long as the full paper will not appear in print or in final electronic form by the time of the ACLPS submission deadline. Abstracts submitted to other journals cannot be published in American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)

Notification to authors
The author designated as the presenter will be notified by March 23, 2016 as to whether the abstract has been accepted.

Publication of Abstracts
Abstracts accepted for presentation and presented at the annual meeting will be published in the AJCP unless the appropriate box is checked on the abstract form.

Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards
Eligibility
The purpose of this program is to encourage young investigators to consider a career in academic laboratory medicine.

- Residents, fellows, and doctoral scientists actively training in programs in the health sciences who have participated in research with a member of ACLPS, or who are sponsored by an ACLPS member, are eligible for the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program. Individuals holding a faculty appointment, including Instructor, are not eligible to receive a young investigator award, unless they are also still in training (i.e., a clinical Instructor doing a concurrent research fellowship is eligible).
- Students in health science programs who have conducted research with an ACLPS member, or who are sponsored by an ACLPS member, may also be considered for the Young Investigator Awards.
- To receive an award, the young investigator must be the presenter and must still be in training at the time of presentation at the annual meeting. A sponsoring ACLPS member must verify the eligibility of the young investigator.

Nature of the Awards
The Executive Council of ACLPS establishes the number of awards and the amount of each award to be given annually. The Executive Council has authorized up to 30 awards this year. Up to 5 additional awards may be granted specifically for MD, PhD, or MD/PhD students. Each awardee attends the meeting as a guest of the Academy (costs for registration, banquet, reception, breakfasts and lunches during the annual meeting are paid by ACLPS), and is reimbursed for travel and lodging expenses up to a maximum of $850 in accordance with the ACLPS Travel and Reimbursement policy.

Three "Awards with Distinction" will be granted to particularly outstanding submissions. Abstracts that are selected to contend for the Awards with Distinction will be identified during the initial abstract review. The young investigators who are selected will all present their work during the same presentation session at the meeting. Awards with Distinction will be granted in two different content areas: basic scientific discovery and clinical/translational science.

**Method of Selection**
A committee of senior ACLPS members will review and grade each abstract in advance of the meeting. To ensure fairness, all reviewers are blinded to the identity of the authors and the institution where the work was done and do not review papers that originate from their institutions. This blinded peer review process will be the basis for selection of abstracts for awards.

A second committee of senior ACLPS members will attend and judge the Award with Distinction presentations. No judges will have affiliations with the presenters or with their institutions.

Address inquiries about the abstracts or the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards Program to:

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