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Regional Meetings

Call for Abstracts

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Western Regional Meetings

January 28-31, 2009
Carmel, California

Abstract Deadline:
October 3, 2008

Southern Regional Meetings

February 12-14, 2009
New Orleans, Louisiana

Abstract Deadline:
October 16, 2008





Abstract Deadlines and Meeting Dates

Western Regional Meetings

Carmel, California

MEETING DATES:

January 28-31, 2009

PLACE:

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California
Phone: 831/624-3996

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

October 3, 2008

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

CTS	California Thoracic Society
WAFMR	Western Section - American Federation for Medical Research
WAP	Western Association of Physicians
WSCI	Western Society for Clinical Investigation
WSPR	Western Society for Pediatric Research
WSMRF	Western Student Medical Research Forum and Residents Forum

CLUB MEETINGS:

Carmel Cardiovascular Club
Developmental Biology Club
West Coast Endocrine Club
Western Dismorphology Club
Western Gut Club
Western Kidney Club
Western Metabolism Club
Western Perinatal Club
Western Respiration Club

Southern Regional Meetings

New Orleans, Louisiana

MEETING DATES:

February 12-14, 2009

PLACE:

InterContinental New Orleans
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
Phone: 504/525-5566

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October 16, 2008

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

APA	Ambulatory Pediatric Association
IACS-NA	International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences - North America
SAFMR	Southern Section - American Federation for Medical Research
SSCI	Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
SSGIM	Southern Society for General Internal Medicine
SSPR	Southern Society for Pediatric Research

CLUB MEETINGS:

Southern Blood Club
Southern Bug Club
Southern Cardiology Club
Southern Endocrine Club
Southern Gut Club
Southern Lung Club
Southern Renal Club



Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the 2009 AFMR 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://wrm09.abstractcentral.com> or <http://srm09.abstractcentral.com>. It is **required of all abstract submitters** to fill out 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>). **Please note: The abstract fee is separate from the registration fee.** You must also register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. It is **REQUIRED** that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 434-817-2040, ext. 406 or email: ts.acsupport@thomson.com. Technical Support Hours: 8:30 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday. If other questions arise, email admin@medpubinc.com or call 734/699-1217 for assistance.

Exciting Information for Fellow Trainees and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

WESTERN MEETING: The Fellow and Junior Faculty Scholars Forum at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel was created six years ago to honor the academic contribution of junior physician scientists. This program has been very successful at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel and we will continue the program for the coming year. Last year we had 45 award winners across 13 subspecialties. The Carmel meetings have been reinvigorated with promising young scientists and this program is part of that new energy. Our goal is to have scholar programs in Cardiovascular, Development, Endocrinology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Metabolism, Pulmonary, Renal, and Rheumatology. Successful scholars' will submit a top scoring abstract and present it in the subspecialty session at the Carmel meetings. Scholar award winners will be invited to a reception with their mentor's where they will be given their award and have the opportunity to learn more about academic career development from established physician-scientists with outstanding records for mentorship. A reception will be held Friday evening January 30, 2009 for the Fellow/Jr. Faculty and Mentor in an atmosphere that allows networking with other Fellows/Jr. Faculty in the West. Our hope is to offer 50-100 awards for fellow/jr. faculty abstracts that score highest in their subspecialty. We strongly encourage Fellows/Jr. Faculty to submit abstracts to the 2009 meeting.

SOUTHERN MEETING: Due to the success of the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum, we will continue this program in 2009 for Trainees. This will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 (**one day prior to the Southern Regional Meeting**). These postgraduate competitions are designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for Nephrology trainees (Fellows only). These competitions are also designed to create a subspecialty atmosphere for networking with other fellows. Those abstracts selected will receive reimbursement for travel, hotel, and registration expenses for the Forum and the Southern Regional Meeting. However, it is presumed that these abstracts **will also be submitted** to the Southern Regional Meeting. Fellows who are awarded an *SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Award* **cannot also receive the SAFMR/SSCI travel award**, but may apply. Please see www.sscweb.org for further details regarding the **SSCI Nephrology Forum Only**. The Cardiovascular Club, in conjunction with the North American Section of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS-NA), is offering its own program for cardiology trainees. There will be a separate check box on the submission form labelled Cardiovascular Case Report for this program. We will continue the successful Scholars Programs started in 2006. These programs give the awarded Scholars travel stipends to attend the meeting. They also provide for an awards dinner at which Scholars can interact with leaders in academic medicine and hear about the progression of their academic careers.



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. There will NOT be a Poster Only option this year for the Southern Meeting. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations.
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 or presented at any national meeting; (2) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it; (3) that any animal studies conform with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" of the American Physiological Society; (4) 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 (5) 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 sent via email with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee and will not prejudice review of the abstract. **Exception for WSPR Members only:** 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 of the Western meeting. A statement documenting that the material has been presented previously should be included in the conflict of interest disclosure described above.



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://wrm09.abstractcentral.com>. For the **Southern Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://srm09abstractcentral.com>
2. The first step is to "Create an Account". 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 the 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 Statement 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.**

Abstract Deadline:
October 3, 2008

Western Regional Meeting

SUNSET CENTER — CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

Meeting Dates:
January 28-31, 2009

The Plenary session, registration for faculty, fellows and other attendees of the Carmel meeting will be held at the Pacific Repertory Theater on Wednesday and Sunset Center on Thursday. Faculty and fellows should check in on-site when they arrive in Carmel. Student and resident registration will be held at the Monterey Beach Hotel. Highlights of the 2009 program are listed below.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS SYMPOSIUM

Evolutionary Pathobiology of Atherosclerosis (Thrombosis, Inflammation and Lipids)
Wednesday, January 28, 2009 ♦ 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

PLENARY SYMPOSIUM

Effects of Exercise on Aging, Metabolism, and Vascular Disease
Thursday, January 29, 2009 ♦ 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM

Our speakers include: Stephen R. Daniels, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Bret H. Goodpaster, University of Pittsburgh, David E. Kelley, Merck and Company, and Kenneth Walsh, Boston University School of Medicine.

STATE OF THE ART TALKS

There will be a state-of-the-art speaker for each of the subspecialty sessions on Friday and Saturday.

STUDENT SUBSPECIALTY AWARD WINNER POSTER SESSION

This poster session, including pizza and beer, will be held on Thursday, January 29 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Monterey Beach Resort, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA off Highway One. All attendees for the Carmel Meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SCHOLAR AWARD RECEPTION

For Fellows and Jr. Faculty Awardees
Friday, January 30, 2009 ♦ 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BREAKFAST WITH THE INVESTIGATORS

(Sessions will be held Friday and Saturday mornings)

INVESTIGATOR WORKSHOPS

(Sessions will be held at lunch time on Thursday and Friday)

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION OBJECTIVES:

After participating in this continuing education activity, the participant should be better able to: demonstrate knowledge and skills in basic and clinical research in multiple subspecialty areas, describe new tools for the practice of medicine, research, and teaching, and apply knowledge gained to medical practice, teaching, and/or research.

ACCREDITATION: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Tulane University Health Sciences Center and the Western Regional Meetings. Tulane University Health Sciences Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

DESIGNATION: Tulane University Health Sciences Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of (TBD) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Tulane University Health Sciences Center presents this activity for educational purposes only and does not endorse any product, content of presentation or exhibit. Participants are expected to utilize their own expertise and judgment while engaged in the practice of medicine. The content of the presentations is provided solely by presenters who have been selected because of their recognized expertise.

DISCLOSURE: It is the policy of the Center for Continuing Education at Tulane University Health Sciences Center to plan and implement all of its educational activities in accordance with the ACCME's Essential Areas and Policies to ensure balance, independence, objectivity

and scientific rigor. In accordance with the ACCME's 2004 Standards for Commercial Support, everyone who is in a position to control the content of an educational activity certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ is required to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests within the past 12 months that creates a real or apparent conflict of interest. Individuals who do not disclose

are disqualified from participating in a CME activity. Individuals with potential for influence or control of CME content include planners and planning committee members, authors, teachers, educational activity directors, educational partners, and others who participate, e.g. facilitators and moderators. This disclosure pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. Any real or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of the presentations must be resolved prior to the educational activity. Disclosure of off-label, experimental or investigational use of drugs or devices must also be made known to the audience.

Western Award Consideration

Choose the appropriate award on the electronic submission form.

- ◆ **Fellow and Junior Faculty Scholar Awards.** These awards will be presented to meritorious abstracts for selected subspecialties. *Please note that you do not need to select a box on the submission form for the Scholar Awards. The abstract will be chosen for an award based on score.*
 - ◆ **WAFMR Outstanding Investigator Award.** An outstanding 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 2009 Western Regional Meetings. Candidates are requested to submit 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 **October 3, 2008** to Abstract Division, MedPub, Inc. 45685 Harmony Lane, Belleville, MI 48111 or email it to admin@medpubinc.com.
 - ◆ **WSCI Outstanding Investigator Award.** This award will be given for distinguished research to an accomplished investigator. Names are solicited from the Chairs of Medicine. If you wish to recommend a candidate, please contact your department chair. Candidates for the awards must check this box on the electronic submission form in order to be considered. Applications should be sent by **October 3, 2008** to: Jane Reusch, Division of Endocrinology, VAMC (111H), 1055 Clermont Street, Denver, CO 80220.
 - ◆ **Mayo Soley Award.** This award will be given to a senior investigator for life time achievement in the area of scientific endeavor and training of junior investigators. A nominating letter and two seconding letters should be sent by **October 3, 2008** to Kevin O'Brien, c/o Western Society for Clinical Investigation, University of Washington, Division of Cardiology, Box 356422, Seattle, WA 98195-6422.
 - ◆ **WSCI Travel Awards.** WSCI travel awards will be given to the top abstract in each subspecialty category submitted by a resident, fellow or faculty member.
 - ◆ **WSPR** offers several annual research and educational awards. Please refer to the August *WSPR Newsletter* for complete details.
- NOTE:** All *students and residents* are considered for the awards listed below. The candidate for these awards **must check WSMRF** as the membership category on the electronic submission form.
- ◆ **WAFMR/WSCI/WSPR Outstanding Student Research Awards.** WAFMR, WSCI and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by students in each subspecialty. This award will recognize outstanding abstracts presented by students.
 - ◆ **Outstanding Resident Award.** WAFMR and WSCI will offer awards for outstanding research performed or physiologic case reports given by residents.

Western Regional Meeting

Registration Information for Attendees:

Pre-registration for faculty and fellows is available on-line via www.acteva.com/go/WRM09. There is a discount for early registration. Faculty and fellows should check in on-site when they arrive in Carmel at the Pacific Repertory Theater on Wednesday and Sunset Center on Thursday.

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California

Registration Hours:

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, January 29, 2009 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday, January 30, 2009 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 31, 2009 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hotel Accommodations

The 2009 Western Regional Meetings take place throughout Carmel. Since there is no Hotel Headquarters, the Western societies have arranged to use a reservation service that will assist you with your hotel, motel, and inn accommodations for the "Doctor's Meeting." Please contact any of the following:

Resort II Me 800/449-1499 or 800/757-5646

Registration Fees

WAFMR/AFMR/WAP/WSCI/WSPR

After 1/19/09

Member	\$125	\$160
Non-Member	\$250	\$285
Fellow/Trainee	\$95	\$125
Emeritus	\$95	\$100
CME credit	\$65	
* Journal	\$25	
On-site	(\$50 increase in all categories above)	
* If you belong to AFMR or WSPR you automatically receive a journal with your membership.		

Welcoming Cocktail Reception

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

All attendees are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring students, fellows and junior faculty from their institution. The reception is sponsored by all of the societies participating in the 2009 Western Regional Meetings.

Registration Information for Students and Residents:

All students and residents **MUST** pre-register for the Western Student Medical Research Forum (WSMRF) **on-line at www.wsmrf.org**. Headquarters for the WSMRF will be at Monterey Beach Resort, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA off Highway One.

Registration Hours:

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Friday, January 30, 2009 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, January 31, 2009 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Attention All Students/Residents in the Health Professions

The Western Student Medical Research Committee hosts the 37th Annual Western Student Medical Research Forum in conjunction with the 2009 Western Regional Meetings (supported in part by a grant from the American Medical Association Foundation). The forum is open to all students in the health professions and will be held at the Monterey Beach Resort. The forum is hosted by the Western Student Medical Research Committee comprised of members from each participating medical school. Special activities designed especially for student presenters include: Breakfast with the Investigator, Posters, Pizza and Beer Session, Residency Luncheon and an Awards Banquet.

All students submitting an abstract to the 2009 Western Regional Meetings **should indicate WSMRF as their membership category**. The top 20 ranked student abstracts will give an oral and poster presentation. Additional questions or information about the Western Student Medical Research Forum should be directed to your Student Affairs Office or your WSMRF Committee Member (find them at www.wsmrf.org and click the Contact icon) or contact:

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