

# Call for PROPOSALS

Seeking EVIDENCE-BASED content in the following areas:

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With special FOCUS on:

**RESEARCH METHODS, CLINICAL PRACTICE** (assessment, diagnosis, treatment, knowledge translation/EBP), **OUTCOMES RESEARCH/ EPIDEMIOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE** (e.g., neural regeneration/repair, motor control/learning, biomechanics), **TECHNOLOGY** (e.g., prosthetics/ orthotics, robotics, assistive technology), **HEALTH/DISABILITY POLICY** (ethics, advocacy, health disparities), **PEDIATRIC REHABILITATION**

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### PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Pre-Conference Event: ~~13 December 2013~~ **8 JAN**

Symposia: 31 January 2014

Scientific Papers & Posters: 14 March 2014



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**Progress in Rehabilitation Research** is growing in stature as the premier, evidence-based educational conference for creators, users, and funders of rehabilitation science. The 2014 Program Committee invites proposals focused on research evidence and its translation into clinical practice. Topics of particular interest to conference attendees include:

- Evidence-based approaches to diagnosis, treatment, and overall care of individuals with acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases, and pain. NEW additional focus areas for 2014 include cancer rehabilitation, and NEW focus areas including pediatric rehabilitation.
- Applications of technology in rehabilitation research and practice (prosthetics, assistive technology, implantable devices, robotic devices).
- Evidence-based approaches for remediation of cognitive impairment, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, sleep disturbances, and pain.
- Role of exercise and “activity-based” therapy in neuro-recovery.
- Use of innovative information and communications technology in rehabilitation (telehealth, telerehabilitation, internet and social media).
- Use of neuro-imaging in diagnosis and treatment.
- Methods for translation of evidence into clinical practice and policy, and evaluation of those methods.
- Alternatives to randomized clinical trials (RCTs) for validating treatment effectiveness and application of RCT findings into clinical practice.
- Application of biomechanics, motor control, and learning perspectives in rehabilitation.

**Proposals that are interdisciplinary in nature, or include international or early career presenters are also encouraged.**

## Presentation Types

### 1) **INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES**

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Instructional courses may be proposed for a four-hour time block, allowing speakers the opportunity to discuss and present a topic in depth. Courses should be either instructional in nature, offering in-depth training or knowledge translation on a particular topic, or informative, providing detailed coverage of an area of research, methodology, or clinical practice. Courses may be scheduled as either pre-conference sessions on Wednesday or on Saturday, depending upon the length and level of interest in the topic. An additional fee will be charged for attendance at instructional courses to offset room and refreshment expenses; coffee breaks and a light lunch/snack will be provided. **Stipends and honoraria will not be paid for course presenters.**

The proposal should include title, course director, all presenters with credentials, detailed outline, duration, preferred room set-up and AV requirements. The submission must describe the instructional method to be used, and the content and format of presentations. **All course presenters must furnish necessary disclosure information concerning potential conflicts of interest and must agree to have the course audio or video-recorded for future re-broadcast. All presentations must be submitted for review prior to the conference.** Selection of courses will be announced by 1 February, 2014.

### Selection Criteria

Each complete submission received by the published due date will be independently peer-reviewed. Late proposals are not accepted—no exceptions. Each proposal is peer-reviewed for the following elements: 1) scientific, clinical, or didactic quality; 2) multidisciplinary nature; 3) broad appeal to the membership; 4) timeliness of the topic; 5) and contribution to state-of-the-art of rehabilitation science. The conference program committee reserves the right to offer alternative or reduced time slots for presentations based on submissions.



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## 2) SYMPOSIA

Proposals Due: 31 January 2014

Symposia are 90 minutes in length, presented by professionals with expertise in the topic. There is a mandatory period of 10 minutes questions and discussion, and more time may be allotted. Desired symposia submissions:

- Show how current research can effectively guide clinical practice.
- Identify remaining clinical questions where additional research data are needed.
- State a direct relationship between the subject matter and evidence-based practice.

The number of symposia presenters may vary from one to several. The following components are encouraged: multidisciplinary, multi-institutional, one international presenter, and a point/counterpoint format, as appropriate, for the discussion period. **All symposium presenters must furnish necessary disclosure information concerning potential conflicts of interest and must agree to have the symposium audio or video-recorded for future re-broadcast. All presentations must be submitted for review prior to the conference.** Selections will be announced by 1 April, 2014. **If you need to be notified of acceptance BEFORE April 1, contact ACRM (meetings@ACRM.org), and you will receive notification no later than March 21, 2014.**

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## 3) SCIENTIFIC PAPERS & POSTERS

Proposals Due: 14 March 2014

A scientific paper is an oral platform presentation of 15 minutes followed by five minutes of discussion with a moderator. Outstanding submissions may be chosen for a longer presentation. AV equipment may be used to supplement the presentation. Posters are graphic presentations of a scientific paper. Submissions must include objectives, hypotheses, methodology, and results in the abstract (see details below). Submissions with pending results are not accepted.

### Submission Guidelines

A 250-word abstract must follow the structured abstract format required for submission of general articles to the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair. See the *Instructions for Structured Abstracts* available at [www.Archives-PMR.org](http://www.Archives-PMR.org).

The basic format:

Structured abstracts for **Research Papers/ Posters** must have these sections:

- Objective(s)
- Design
- Setting
- Participants (animals or cadavers or specimens [for orthotics only])
- Interventions
- Main Outcome Measure(s)
- Results
- Conclusions

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## Avoidance of Commercialism

All presentations must avoid commercialism. Presentations that constitute promotion and advertising will be prohibited. This includes pervasive and inappropriate use of logos. No advertising matter of any kind may be distributed. No material may be displayed that in any way directly promotes the commercial interest of any company or enterprise, or of the author(s)/presenter(s). If the cost of presentation has been underwritten to any extent, a clear acknowledgment stating support and identifying the particular source should be included (e.g., "The support of [name of corporation/institute] for this project is gratefully acknowledged."). Statements made in presentations are the sole responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s). Any statement made should not be viewed as, or considered representative of, any formal stance or position taken on any product, subject, or issue by ACRM.

## Accreditation Requirements

At the time of online submission, course directors must provide complete contact information (e.g., name, credentials, title, institution, mailing address, email, and phone) for all authors/presenters associated with the submission of Instructional Courses and Symposia. Further, all course directors, authors, and presenters of Instructional Courses and Symposia must sign and submit faculty disclosures, as these sessions are subject to accreditation. Failure to do so prevents acceptance of a submission. An electronic copy of presentations must be held on file with ACRM.

## Presenter Expenses

ALL accepted presenters/authors/speakers are required to register for the conference, and are fully responsible for all of their expenses related to the conference (e.g., registration, airfare, hotel, meals).

## Questions?

Contact [meetings@ACRM.org](mailto:meetings@ACRM.org)



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