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SHARE YOUR RESEARCH AND CLINICAL EXPERTISE WITH AN INTERDISCIPLINARY AUDIENCE OF REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

2013 ACRM Call for Proposals

Progress in Rehabilitation Research is the premier, evidence-based educational conference in the world for creators, users, and funders of rehabilitation science. The 2013 Program Committee invites proposals for educational content focused on research evidence and its translation into clinical practice.

Approximately 1000 attendees from 23+ countries will convene at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, FL from 12 – 16 November 2013 for continuous rehabilitation programming for brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, neurodegenerative disorders, and musculoskeletal disorders /pain.

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, musculoskeletal, and neurodegenerative disorders (e.g., Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease).
- 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

Three types of presentations are sought.

1) **INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES** — Proposals due 18 January 2013

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. Stipends and honoraria will not be paid for course presenters. Selection of courses will be announced by 1 March 2013.

2) **SYMPOSIA** — Proposals due 22 February 2013

Symposia are 90 minutes in length and are presented by professionals with expertise in the topic. 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.

Interdisciplinary topics, multi-institutional submissions, and international presenters are encouraged. Selections will be announced by April 30, 2013.

3) **SCIENTIFIC PAPERS & POSTERS** — Proposals due 12 April 2013

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 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*. See the *Instructions for Structured Abstracts* available at www.Archives-PMR.org. [Learn more.](#) < link to: <http://www.acrm.org/meetings/2013-annual-conference/call-for-proposals> >

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each abstract will be reviewed for the following elements: 1) scientific and clinical quality; 2) broad appeal to the interests of the ACRM membership; 3) multidisciplinary nature; 4) timeliness of the topic; and 5) contribution to the state-of-the-art of rehabilitation science. Each complete submission received by the published due date will be independently peer-reviewed. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by 30 June 2013.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

The online submission will be live no later than December 31, 2012. For complete submission instructions, please visit [ACRM.org/meetings/2013-annual-conference](http://www.acrm.org/meetings/2013-annual-conference) < link to: <http://www.acrm.org/meetings/2013-annual-conference> >