CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Dear SCVSS Member:

The Southern California Vascular Surgery Society 35th Annual Meeting will be held May 5-7, 2017 at Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort. The Society returns to this beautiful and enticing venue. The premier Rancho Mirage resort, just a short drive from Palm, is convenient to the world famous Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and other major tourist attractions including El Paseo and fine dining at a stunning number of local and chain restaurants.

This letter serves as the Call for Abstracts for a stimulating scientific meeting at this beautiful venue. Our president, Dr. Vincent Rowe has plans for an excellent presentation by a distinguished speaker and other sessions of interest that will be interlaced throughout the meeting. Details will be forthcoming.

The essence and success of the meeting is, as always, highly dependent on the quality of the original work presented at the meeting by its members and guests. The SCVSS invites you to submit your abstracts for consideration for presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting. The deadline for abstract submission is Monday, January 16, 2017. The abstract should represent work that has not been presented or published elsewhere.

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If the abstract is accepted for presentation, the authors will be expected to submit a manuscript and inform the recorder at the time of the meeting, as all manuscripts will be submitted to the Annals of Vascular Surgery for publication after peer review. The manuscripts must be written and formatted in accordance with the “Instructions for Authors” for the Annals of Vascular Surgery.

BEST TRAINEE COMPETITION
The Society also encourages presentations by residents, fellows, and medical students and will award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prize for “Best Trainee Presentations”. If the submission is to be considered for “Best Trainee Presentation”, please check the box on the abstract transmittal form to indicate this. The prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the meeting.

CASE VIDEO SESSION
The Program Committee is implementing a Case Video Session during the 2017 Annual Meeting. This short video presentations Session will illustrate novel or interesting cases, open or endovascular. These videos should be no longer than five (5) minutes in length and be accompanied by either live or prerecorded narration. Please contact the Society for accepted video formats. Authors should submit a Transmittal of Abstract Form with a brief description of the case video.
SELF-ASSESSMENT
Again this year, the Society is applying for Self-Assessment Credit that meets the ABS requirements for MOC Part 2 for the Annual Meeting. In order to assist us in developing the questions for the test, submit two (2) multiple choice questions that can be answered by the content of your abstract. These questions are required with submission of your abstract. Questions should adhere to the following CME Guidelines:

- Each question should have a minimum of 4 possible answer choices.
- The following are not acceptable answer choices: True-False, “All of the Above,” “None of the Above,” or something similar in nature.
- Your question should be case-based in order to measure competence (knowledge in action)
- You must submit your answers with your questions.

Attached is a ‘Transmittal of Abstract’ Form which should be sent along with the abstract to the SCVSS Administrative Offices and to the attention of Program Committee Chairman, Sung Wan Ham, MD. Abstracts should be typed, double spaced, on one 8½” x 11” sheet of paper (approximately 250 words) and submitted electronically along with a completed “Transmittal of Abstract Form” to: scvss@bostonbased.com. If submitting a Video Case presentation, contact the Society’s Administrative Offices at scvss@bostonbased.com.

If the authors do not include a SCVSS member, a member sponsor should be obtained and the name of the sponsor listed on the form.

Once again, the deadline for abstract submission is Monday, January 16, 2017 and we encourage you to send in your abstracts early.

We look forward to seeing all of you for a great meeting in Rancho Mirage in May 2017.

Sincerely,

Sung Wan Ham, MD
Chair, SCVSS Program Committee