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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
Abstract Submission Guidelines will provide detailed instructions on how to submit an abstract successfully. Please review the guidelines carefully prior to submitting an abstract. If you have any further inquiries, please contact us by email at aphrs2018.paper@elitepco.com.tw

**KEY DATES**

**Abstract Submission Deadline**

**June 15, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)}**

**Notification of Acceptance**

**July 15, 2018**

**Early-Bird Registration Deadline**

**August 20, 2018**

**Late-Breaking Research Abstract Submission Opens**

**August 1, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)}**

**Late-Breaking Research Abstract Submission Deadline**

**August 15, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)}**

*Dates are based on Taiwan Standard Time (GMT+8).*

- All abstracts must be submitted via [APHRS 2018 Abstract Submission Site](#).
- Abstracts submitted by fax, postal mail or e-mail will not be accepted.
- Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted, with no exception.
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ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

Please find the APHRS 2018 abstract categories and subcategories below. All authors must select an abstract category and subcategory for review.

ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

01. Clinical Research
02. Teaching Case Reports

BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

03. Stem Cell
04. Ion Channels and Transporters
05. Genomics: Bench
06. Genomics: Translational
07. Cell Signaling, Physiology & Pharmacology
08. Computer Modeling/Simulation
09. Intact Heart Electrophysiology and Pharmacology
10. Whole Animal Electrophysiology and Pharmacology (includes Neurohumoral Modulation)

CARDIOVASCULAR IMPLANTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Bradycardia Devices:
11. Indications
12. Device Technology
13. Clinical Trials

Tachycardia Devices:
14. Indications
15. Device Technology
16. Clinical Trials

Diagnostic Devices & Sensors:
17. Indications
18. Device Technology
19. Clinical Trials

**Leads & Electrodes:**
20. Implantation
21. Extraction/Removal
22. Technology
23. Clinical Trials

**Monitoring & Outcomes:**
24. Monitoring & Follow-up
25. Outcomes, Quality Measures & Complications

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**CATHETER ABLATION**

**SVT/AVNRT/ WPW/AT:**
26. Clinical Trials / Outcomes
27. Experimental Methods
28. Quality Measures & Complications
29. Mapping & Imaging
30. Ablation

**Atrial Fibrillation & Atrial Flutter:**
31. Clinical Trials / Outcomes
32. Mapping & Imaging
33. Experimental methods
34. Ablation
35. Quality Measures & Complications

**Ventricular Tachycardia & Ventricular Fibrillation:**
36. Physiology-Pharmacology
37. Electrocardiography
38. Clinical Trials/Outcomes
39. Mapping & Imaging
40. Ablation
41. Experimental Methods
42. Quality Measures & Complications

**SCA Risk Assessment:**
43. Signal Processing (SAECG/TWA, HRV, QT interval)
44. Clinical Techniques
45. Other Noninvasive Techniques

**Syncope & Bradycardia:**
46. Physiology-Pharmacology
47. Electrocardiography
48. Clinical Trials / Outcomes
49. Experimental Methods
50. Tilt Table Testing

CLINICAL ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

51. Epidemiology of Cardiac Arrhythmias/ Epidemiology

SVT/AVNRT/ WPW/AT:
52. Physiology-Pharmacology
53. Electrocardiography

Atrial Fibrillation & Atrial Flutter:
54. Physiology
55. Pharmacology (antiarrhythmic drugs and anticoagulants)
56. Electrocardiography

HEART FAILURE

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy:
57. Indications
58. Device Technology

Non-CRT Devices for Heart Failure:
59. Autonomic Modulation
60. Others

Heart Failure Management:
61. Pharmacology
62. Clinical Trials
63. Monitoring

PEDIATRIC/ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

64. Pediatric Cardiology
65. Adult Congenital Heart Disease
66. Translational

POLICY, PAYMENT & PRACTICE

67. Reimbursement, Regulation and Health Policy
68. Training and Education

CASES

69. Teaching Case Reports
70. Challenging EP Case Reports
ABSTRACT PREPARATION & SUBMISSION

If you have already created an account to submit your abstract for APHRS 2018, you can log in with the same account information. In the event that you forget your login information, please go to the Abstract Submission Site link (on the first page of Abstract Submission Guidelines) to retrieve your account/password, or email us at aphrs2018.paper@elitepco.com.tw.

Abstract Title

An abstract must have a short specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the investigation.

The title should not include the author’s name.

Abstract Authors

Abstract authors are comprised of two different types:

✓ Presenting Author: the author who submits the abstract and to whom all correspondence from the Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society will be sent and is listed as the First Author.

✓ Co-Author(s): all additional authors contributing to the abstract.

Author names in multiple abstracts need to be consistent so that the correct information appears in the index and websites of all Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society 2018 publication. For example, John Smith belongs to the author string of two abstracts; J John Smith must appear as John Smith on both abstracts, not as John Smith on one and J. Smith on the other.

Reminder: The Submitting Author is the Presenting Author and listed as the First Author. The submittal of an abstract by the Submitting Author will automatically populate the submission information for the Presenting Author and First Author fields. All correspondence for the abstract will be directed to the Submitting Author. The information should be reviewed to ensure that current and correct e-mail address information is listed. The designation of Submitting/Presenting/First Author should be carefully considered before initiating the abstract submission process. Once the abstract has been submitted, the Submitting Author/Presenting Author/First Author cannot be changed.

All Presenting Authors of accepted abstracts should register by Early Bird Registration Deadline August 20, 2018. OVERSEAS Presenting Authors are eligible for discount rates if registration is completed prior to the above-mentioned deadline. All accepted abstract are required to have at least one author (Presenting Author OR Co-author) registered for APHRS 2018. Should the authors fail to complete the registration process, the abstract will be withdrawn.
Disclosure of Commercial Relationship(s)

The Presenting Author (Submitting Author) must provide disclosures for all authors listed on the abstract, at the time of submission. Disclosures for each author must include any financial, personal or professional relationship with other people or organizations that could reasonably be perceived as conflict of interest or as potentially influencing or biasing their work.

Please identify all financial relationships within the last 12 months, regardless of the amount, that are relevant to the topic of the abstract and might be perceived as a real or potential conflict of interest. A relationship is “relevant” if the relationship or interest relates to the topic in terms of any of the following: the same or similar subject matter or topic; the same, similar or competing drug or device, product or service, intellectual property or asset; a drug or device company or its competitor; or has the reasonable potential to result in financial, professional or other personal gain or loss for you, members of your household or employer.

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- Once you have entered all disclosure information, select “Save and Continue” at the same bottom of the page.

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- **Oral Presentation**: Disclosure information of the Presenting Author must be included in the abstract at the time of submission. The presenter must insert a disclosure slide in the accepted oral presentation.
- **Poster Presentation**: The disclosure information of the Presenting Author should be included in the poster presentation.

After the submission site closes, the Presenting Author will not be allowed to update disclosure information. Please be sure that all disclosures for all authors are complete and submitted on time.
Abstract Text

When entering text, please remember:

- Abstract should be submitted only in English.
- Do not begin sentence with numerals.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations (kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
- Do not include reference, credits, or grant support in your abstract body. This information should be included in your disclosure only.
- Do not include the names or personal information of any patient participating in the study or trial.

Please note that because of the text box system, you will not be able to upload your abstract to the Abstract Submission Site; you must either manually type the text or cut and paste the text from another document. You will continue to be able to upload image and create tables.

Abstract Data

Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if published prior to the APHRS Scientific Session. No abstract may be presented at the APHRS Scientific Session if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major meeting held prior to the APHRS Scientific Session.

Any human experimentation must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of World Medical Association (WMA Declaration of Helsinki).

The Presenting Author must ensure that all co-authors are familiar with the data, agree with the stated results, and have agreed to be included as authors.

Abstract submissions from industry representatives are allowed. Abstract presentation may not be sales presentations and/or endorsement for products or services.

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Abstract Format

The total number of characters allowed for the submission is **1,950**. The character count does not include spaces. **As you enter text into the abstract title, a counter deducts characters from the total allowable number of characters.** Submitting authors are required to include the assigned section headers in his/her abstract submission. If this information is not included in the abstract body, the abstract will not be considered formatted correctly for publication.

**Section Headers:**

- **Introduction:**
- **Methods:**
- **Results:**
- **Conclusion:**

**✓ Provocative Cases Abstract:**

When entering your **case report**, please enter “N/A” into the Methods section and the actual case into the Result section. Characters are also deducted when you create a table or upload a graphic. The number of characters deducted for each table or graphic is 500. Only a single table or graphic is allowed per submission. Please be sure that any text included in the graphic will be legible at the size you define for the graphic.

**✓ Use of Color:**

Please be sure to use colors in your graphic that can easily be seen in black and white print. We recommend that you do not use any dark color(s) (i.e., black, blue, dark grey or green, or red) as a background color on an image.

**ABSTRACT REVISION & ACCEPTANCE**

**Abstract Revisions**

- Carefully proofread the abstract and make any necessary revisions before the abstract submission deadline date.
- To ensure that the abstract receives proper scientific consideration, please make sure that the abstract is submitted to the appropriate category. This determines which team grades the abstract. If you select the appropriate category, you are more likely to be graded by peers with similar interests.
- Resubmission of abstract that is corrected or changed is not possible after the abstract deadline date.
Abstract Acceptance & Withdrawal

Abstract acceptance will be notified on July 15, 2018 by e-mail.

The decision of Scientific Program Committee on abstract acceptance is final. While authors’ preferences for oral or poster presentations will be considered, the committee may offer an alternative format. No correspondence on their decision can be initiated by the authors. The presenting author should reply to the notification of acceptance of their abstract for attendance confirmation.

✔ Publication:

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Journal of Arrhythmia, the official journal of the Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society.

✔ Registration:

The Presenting Author (Submitting Author) is required to register and make payment for the APHRS Scientific Session. Overseas accepted presenters are eligible for a discounted registration rate of US$100. Expense associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter. Only one author per abstract is considered the presenter.

✔ Withdrawal:

The Presenting Author must submit a request in writing to withdraw an abstract (aphrs2018.paper@elitepco.com.tw). Please note that the Presenting Author will receive an e-mail confirmation upon completion of the withdrawal. The request must fulfill the following requirements:
- Subject line of the e-mail must include “Abstract Withdrawal”
- Abstract title and number
- Authors (Presenting Author’s information required)
- Reason for the withdrawal

Presentation Format

The Scientific Program Committee may select an abstract for an oral or poster presentation. Preference for poster presentation may be indicated at the time of submission. While APHRS 2018 cannot guarantee that your preference will be selected, every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

All abstract presentations and question-and-answer periods will be in English.

Expenses associated with the presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter. Outstanding abstracts will be considered for oral presentation and competitions. Finalists will be awarded for their excellence.
YOUNG INVESTIGATION AWARD (YIA)

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

KEY DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline

June 15, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)}

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

All authors wishing to participate in the YIA competition must submit their abstract through the APHRS 2018 Abstract Submission site, indicate their interest on the “Awards” section of the site, and submit all required documentation via the award application portal.

Abstracts submitted after June 15, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)} will not be accepted.

Please note that any abstract accepted into the YIA Competition will not be presented during any other abstract session at APHRS 2018.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the YIA, candidates must be primary authors who are aged under 40 as of October 1, 2018. The YIA Competition is open to any physician or scientist who is presently in a residency, fellowship, or doctoral training program, or who has been in such a program within the past three years (at the time of submission). The competition is also open to students in medical schools who are working on a problem concerned with cardiac pacing, population medicine, innovation, and/or electrophysiology in the areas of clinical and basic research. The applicant must be the first author of the manuscript submitted for consideration. Multiple submissions from the same sponsor are discouraged.

ELIGIBLE TOPICS

Any work of an investigational nature that pertains directly or indirectly to cardiac pacing and/or electrophysiology is suitable for submission. This work may be in basic science, clinical investigation, or technical innovations. Finalists are selected based on the qualifications of the candidate and the originality, importance and scientific excellence of a project that contributes to our understanding of cardiac pacing and electrophysiology and ultimately, improved patient care. The Young Investigation Awards Competition submissions are reviewed and judged in one of four categories: Basic Research, Clinical Research, Innovation Sciences and Population Sciences.
PROCESS

To be considered for the YIA Competition, the young investigator will need to submit an abstract during the APHRS 2018 Abstract Submission period (Deadline: June 15, 2018 (23:59 (GMT+8))) and indicate that he/she is interested in applying for the YIA Competition. On June 15, 2018, all investigators who indicated their interest will be sent a link to a site to which they can submit the additional necessary materials. Applicants will have until June 18, 2018, (23:59 (GMT+8)) to submit their materials.

Materials required for participation

All applicants must submit electronically the following materials:
2. A brief Author Statement, including a description of his/her specific role in the overall study.
3. The applicant’s curriculum vitae, including a publication list.
4. A copy of his/her passport.

NOTIFICATION

YIA Finalist will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance in July 15, 2018 (23:59 (GMT+8)).

PRESENTATION

The YIA Awards Competition will take place during the APHRS 2018. Each finalist will be given 15 minutes: a ten-minute presentation by the finalist, followed by a five-minute Q&A session with YIA judges and the audience.

AWARDS

YIA finalists will receive 1) prizes (including US$1,000 for the first prize, USD 800 for second prizes, and US$600 for third prizes for each session), and 2) an opportunity to publish papers in the Journal of Arrhythmia.

The result will be announced by the YIA Sub-Committee Chair at the Closing Ceremony. All finalists are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about participating in the YIA Competition, please contact APHRS 2018 Secretariat: aphrs2018.paper@elitepco.com.tw
CHAired POSTER AWARD Competition

guidelines

key dates

abstract submission deadline

June 15, 2018, {23:59 (GMT+8)}

abstract submission

All authors wishing to participate in the Chaired Poster Award competition must submit an abstract through the APHRS 2018 Abstract Submission site, indicate their interest on the “Awards” section of the site, and submit all required documentation via the award application portal.

Abstracts submitted after June 15, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)} will not be accepted.

Please note that any abstract accepted into the Chaired Poster Award Competition will not be presented during any other abstract session at APHRS 2018.

eligibility

The Chaired Poster Award Competition is open to any physician or scientist who is presently in a residency, fellowship, or doctoral training program, the competition is also open to students in medical schools who are working on a problem concerned with cardiac pacing and/or electrophysiology, in the areas of clinical and basic research. The applicant must be the first author of the manuscript submitted for consideration. Multiple submissions from the same sponsor are discouraged. Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if published prior to APHRS 2018.

process

To be considered for the Chaired Poster Award Competition, the author will need to submit an abstract during the APHRS 2018 Abstract Submission period (Deadline: June 15, 2018 {23:59 (GMT+8)}) and indicate that he/she is interested in applying for the Chaired Poster Award Competition.
Materials required for participation

All applicants must submit electronically the following materials to the Congress Secretariat after receiving the Acceptance Notice:
2. The applicant’s curriculum vitae, including a publication list.
3. A copy of his/her passport.

PRESENTATION

The Chaired Post Awards Competition will take place during the APHRS 2018. Each finalist will be given 9 minutes: a seven-minute presentation by the finalist, followed by a two-minute Q&A session with Chaired Poster judges and the audience.

AWARDS

All finalists will be awarded with prizes (including US$1,000 for the first prize, US$800 for second prizes, and USD$600 for third prizes for each category). The result will be announced by the Chaired Poster Award Sub-Committee Chair at the Closing Ceremony. All finalists are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about participating in the Chaired Poster Award Competition, please contact APHRS 2018 Secretariat: aphrs2018.paper@elitepco.com.tw

Contact Us:

To inquire about your application or acceptance result, please email the APHRS 2018 Congress Secretariat. Please be sure to indicate your submission number in your inquiry.

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