Background
The 2018 Canadian Pain Society (CPS) Annual Scientific Meeting will create a forum in which scientists, healthcare professionals, patients, and trainees from clinical, educational, research, policy, industry and other settings can meet and exchange up-to-date information on pain mechanisms, assessment, and management. The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) seeks to offer a balanced and diverse scientific program that reflects different areas of science from all members of the pain community. Because 2018 is the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)’s Global Year for Excellence in Pain Education, submissions on the topic of pain education are encouraged.

Remuneration
The CPS does not provide any remuneration for accepted Symposia or Poster abstracts. All speakers, including patient speakers, are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and registration costs. Any author that has an accepted poster or symposium is required to register and pay to attend the meeting, for at least the day of their presentation.

Submission Guidelines
All abstract submissions are only accepted through the CPS website. Once submitted the author will be directed to a webpage thanking and confirming receipt of their proposed abstract(s). The submitting author will receive notification of acceptance of their abstract(s) once reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee. Submissions and presentations may be made in English or in French.

Canadian Journal of Pain
Accepted abstracts will be printed in the online Canadian Journal of Pain, published by Taylor and Francis, and will be available for online viewing at the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting. If any of the requested information is missing on the abstract templates, the Journal may not consider your abstract for publication.

Trainee Poster and Trainee Travel Awards
CPS Trainee Members who are the first/presenting author of a submitted poster abstract are eligible to submit their abstracts into the poster competition that will take place onsite at the Scientific Meeting. They may also be considered for a Trainee Travel Award. To be considered for a poster or travel award, opt-in on the online submission portal.

Hot Topics and Poster Pitches
All submitting poster abstract authors (CPS Members and Non-Members) are eligible to submit their abstracts for consideration to be selected for inclusion in special symposia or oral presentations (i.e., Hot Topics, Poster Pitches). To submit your poster abstract for consideration, opt-in on the online submission portal. Finalists will be selected by the SPC and will be notified of their inclusion prior to the Scientific Meeting.
SYMPOSIA ABSTRACTS | DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 10TH, 2017

Description:
These sessions are intended to address issues in clinical practice, basic or translational science, and/or public policy. Priority for acceptance will be given to multidisciplinary proposals (e.g. including within the session two or more presentations each of which represents a different clinical discipline and/or basic science) in accordance with the CPS mission. We strongly encourage submitters to consider integrating patients as speakers in symposia. Symposia will be normally 75 - 90 minutes in length and should be interactive and encourage audience participation when possible. Symposia will have no more than three speakers and a chair. The symposium Chair may be one of the three speakers or a fourth individual may act as chair. Symposium presenters can be clinicians, researchers, patients, or trainees (although generally there should be no more than one trainee per symposium). Symposia should typically integrate work from multiple labs/clinics/institutions.

Submission Process:
1. CLICK HERE to access the online submission form
2. Download the symposia abstract template and attach it to the online submission form
3. Submit your application

RESEARCH POSTER ABSTRACTS | DEADLINE: DECEMBER 11TH, 2017

Description:
Posters can include summaries of the results of any research study (quantitative or qualitative) in the area of pain. While the results of pilot studies and abstracts with preliminary results will be considered, abstracts without any data and/or proposals will generally not be deemed suitable for acceptance.

Submission Process:
1. CLICK HERE to access the online submission form
2. Download the research poster abstract template and attach it to the online submission form
3. Submit your application

CLINICAL INNOVATION POSTER ABSTRACTS | DEADLINE: DECEMBER 11TH, 2017

Description:
We invite submissions describing new initiatives and/or achievements in pain management in Canada or elsewhere. These could include presentations of complex cases, new clinical services, program evaluations, or other innovations in delivering pain care.

Submission Process:
1. CLICK HERE to access the online submission form
2. Download the clinical innovation poster abstract template and attach it to the online submission form
3. Submit your application

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