Call for Abstracts – ASMBS 33rd Annual Meeting at ObesityWeek™ 2016

Submission Dates: March 1 – May 1, 2016
Submission Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2016 @ Midnight, Pacific Time
Meeting Dates: October 31 – November 4, 2016
Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans

Introduction: Please read the information below and then select "My Abstracts" from the menu above. Complete the fields for abstract submission then upload any tables, pictures or videos. You will then be directed to complete author information.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (COI): You are encouraged to begin your abstract submission process early, as financial disclosures for all authors are to be submitted by the May 1 deadline. Abstract submission site will be available for accessing and editing your submissions through the deadline of May 1, 2016.

The abstract submitter holds the final responsibility of ensuring all authors submit financial disclosures.

DISCLOSURE RULE: Within two weeks of notification of acceptance of abstract for the meeting (whether for oral presentation, video or poster), any papers with missing co-author disclosures MUST be completed. Acceptance notifications will be rescinded for all abstracts with incomplete disclosure information at the end of this two-week grace period.

Five Opportunities for Presentation!

Abstracts may be submitted for any of the following formats:

1. **Scientific Sessions**
   The Scientific Sessions incorporates the wide range of disciplines involved in metabolic and bariatric surgery with oral papers and discussions from the floor.

2. **Video Session**
   The Video Session, within the Scientific Sessions, will include demonstrations of various bariatric surgery procedures, techniques and complications.

3. **Poster Session**
   Posters will be on display in the exhibit hall. The top 15 highest scoring abstracts, approximately, will be giving 5-minute oral presentations in Scientific Sessions. There will be two “Posters of Distinction” Sessions for presentation of approx. 30 of the next highest
4. **Integrated Health Abstract Session**
   The IH Abstract Session, within the Scientific Sessions, covers a variety of topics related to the overall care of the metabolic and bariatric surgery patient involving the entire multidisciplinary team.

5. **Behavioral Health Sessions**
   The Behavioral Health Session covers a variety of topics related to the pre- and post-operative psychological care of the metabolic and bariatric surgery patient.

**AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**John Halverson Young Investigator Award:** The recipient of this award demonstrates excellence in bariatric surgery research, presentation of their findings and fielding of questions during the presentation. The recipient is awarded a monetary gift and a plaque of recognition.

   **Eligibility requirements:** First author must be a Medical Student, Resident or Fellow AND must be the first author on the paper. Only the highest-scoring abstracts submitted by a student, resident or fellow will be included in on-site review and scoring for selection of the winner.

Accepted abstracts for the Halverson Young Investigator Award **MUST** submit a completed manuscript to *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)* by **September 30, 2016** or they will not be eligible for the award.

Awards will also be given to the top two posters, the top two IH abstract presentations and the highest scoring video.

**ASMBS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

1. Abstracts must be original work.
2. No authors may be added or deleted after the abstract submission deadline.
3. A feature of the abstract submission site allows you to copy/paste from Word. The entire abstract body will be entered as a single field.
4. At the time of abstract submission, you will be required to develop and submit one self-assessment test question for Maintenance of Certification. **This must include the rationale for the right answer.**
5. Submitted abstract titles must NOT contain trade names.
6. **New for 2016:** **Avoiding pejorative language:** Authors should not use “obese” as an adjective or noun to describe an individual person or group of people, but instead use terms such as “people with obesity” and “populations with obesity.”
7. All authors must disclose any relevant financial relationships. Abstracts will not be considered complete and available for presentation until all financial disclosures are submitted.
8. If you submit an abstract to ASMBS, you must not submit to another conference until you have received a response. Likewise, an abstract you are submitting to ASMBS must not have already been submitted to another conference.

9. Abstracts are not to have been presented at any other prior major meeting or event. If an accepted abstract is presented nationally, or is published, prior to the ASMBS 33rd Annual Meeting at ObesityWeek, it will be disqualified, and the author will be banned from submission for the next two years.

10. If the author fails to show for a presentation of an accepted abstract, that author will be banned from submission for the next two years.

11. New for 2016: The ASMBS has developed guidelines for the standardization of reporting bariatric surgery outcomes in literature. These are intended to provide consistency within the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery and a uniform method of communicating our findings throughout the medical literature. Please follow these standards as you develop your abstract and/or manuscript.

VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Videos submissions also require submission of an abstract. See abstract submission guidelines above.

2. New for 2016: Videos should include the ASMBS standardized video format: (1) Video title, clinical presentation and indication for surgery, (2) preoperative x-ray images/endoscopy, (3) operative procedure with emphasis on trocars placement, dissection, resection and reconstruction, and (5) postoperative images (if applicable) and postoperative course/outcome.

3. Videos must include verbal narration. Narration must use generic terms, and no use of commercial/proprietary names is allowed.

4. Videos must not exceed 7 minutes in length.

5. Videos cannot contain any evidence of commercial support.

6. If you submit a video to ASMBS, you must not submit to another conference until you have received a response. Likewise, a video you are submitting to ASMBS must not have already been submitted to another conference.

7. Videos are not to have been presented at any other prior major meeting or event. If an accepted video is presented nationally, or is published, prior to the ASMBS 33rd Annual Meeting at ObesityWeek 2016, it will be disqualified, and the author will be banned from submission for the next two years.

8. If a video is accepted for podium presentation, the authors give ASMBS the rights to publish the video in the ASMBS BMI library. This will be done after the annual meeting. If videos are submitted to the BMI Video Library prior to the annual meeting for which they were accepted, they are automatically excluded for video presentation at that year's annual meeting.

9. It is also requested that you submit a short case report with each accepted video to Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD).

10. If the author fails to show for presentation of an accepted video, that author will be banned from submission for the next two years.
POLICY ON MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION:

1. All abstracts accepted for the Top Papers session, and all abstracts submitted by trainees for consideration for the John Halverson Young Investigator Award, require a manuscript submission to Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD), the official journal of the ASMBS.

Deadline for manuscript submission: September 30, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: If the deadline for manuscript submission is not met, all authors will be prohibited from presenting at the ASMBS Annual Meeting for one year.

During the submission process, you will be required to attest to the following:
As a presenter of this paper, either selected for presentation in the Top Ten Papers Session or submitted for consideration for the Halverson award, I acknowledge that I am required to submit full manuscript to the Journal, Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD), by September 30, 2016.

2. If an abstract was not submitted for consideration for Halverson award or not accepted for the Top Papers Session, manuscript submission to SOARD is encouraged, but is optional.

3. If applicable, information regarding where a clinical trial was registered (National Institutes of Health website or one of the equivalent web sites) will be stated in both the Cover Letter and the Materials and Methods section of the abstract manuscript.

Manuscript Submission Exemption*

Presenters of either a paper in the Top Papers session or one submitted for consideration for the Halverson award, who feel their manuscripts should be exempted from submission to SOARD, are provided the opportunity to request an exemption. This exemption will require approval by the ASMBS Program Committee.

If the exemption is approved, it will be with the stipulation that your manuscript is accepted by May 1, 2017, in a broad-based, higher impact medical/non-surgical journal (e.g. NEJM, JAMA, Lancet, Diabetes or Diabetes Care) and NOT another surgical journal (e.g. Annals of Surgery).

If an exemption is not approved, you will be required to submit your manuscript to SOARD by May 30, 2017.

If you request a manuscript exemption, you will be asked to attest to the following:
I am requesting the option of an exemption from submitting my manuscript to SOARD because I believe this study would be more appropriate in a higher impact, non-surgical journal or one non-surgical journal with a broader impact on the medical community than if it were published in SOARD.
You will also be required to submit the name of the Journal to whom you plan to submit your manuscript.

**IMPORTANT PUBLISHING REQUIREMENTS – MANDATORY CLINICAL TRIAL REGISTRATION:**

All clinical trials must be registered in the National Institutes of Health web site: www.clinicaltrials.gov or one of the equivalent web sites such as: www.anzctr.org.au; www.isrctn.org; wwwtrialregister.nl/trialreg/index.asp; www.umin.ac.jp/ctr/. This information must be stated in both the Cover Letter and the Materials and Methods section of the manuscript.

As of January 1, 2010, articles which enter a patient into any prospective clinical trial, randomized or not, but not including retrospective reviews, will automatically be rejected if this requirement has not been met.

**For assistance, please contact Teresa White at abstracts@asmbs.org.**