Midwest Society for Pediatric Research

Call for Abstracts

Welcome to Cleveland

October 16-17, 2008
Cleveland, Ohio

Abstract Deadline
July 9, 2008
Dear Members of the Midwest Society for Pediatric Research,

We are pleased to announce the 49th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Society for Pediatric Research to be held October 16th and 17th in Cleveland, Ohio jointly with The Department of Pediatrics at Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital and Case Western Reserve University. This meeting will offer a broad presentation of clinical and basic pediatric research, representing most academic institutions throughout the geographical Midwest. We trust that there will be topics of interest for everyone!

The featured speakers at this year’s meeting will present topics that are relevant to wide range of pediatric specialties including intestinal and liver transplant, asthma, and neural repair. Our distinguished speakers are George V. Mazariegos, M.D., Director and chief of Pediatric Transplant at University of Pittsburgh, Marsha Wills-Karp, Ph.D., Head of Division of Immunobiology at University of Cincinnati and Robert Miller, Ph.D. Professor of Neuroscience at Case Western Reserve University. Michele Walsh, M.D. Director of the NICU at Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital and Professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University will provide an interesting and informative presentation on approach to quality improvement at the Friday morning trainee breakfast.

We plan to present our Founder’s Award (for a senior pediatric investigator who has made major contributions to pediatric research in the Midwest) and the Jim Sutherland Award (for the best abstract presented by a junior faculty member no more than 5 years out of fellowship training as of June 30, 2008) at a special luncheon on Thursday, October 16th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm.

New to this year’s program is a dinner reception on Thursday evening that will include a Roundtable Discussion about challenges in the Academic Life in Pediatrics. Our panel experts will include distinguished speakers from the Midwest. We hope that this new addition will allow for an interesting interaction between trainees, junior and senior faculty in a relaxed and laid back atmosphere.

We will also present the Kenny Award and the Jack Metcoff Award for the best abstracts presented based on work completed in residency or fellowship. In addition, a Student Research Award will be given for the best presentation of an investigation performed prior to medical school graduation. These awards will be presented at the luncheon on Friday, October 17th from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. Please choose the award that you wish to apply for on the pull down menu on the electronic abstract submission form.

This year we again hope to underwrite a substantial portion of the travel expenses for medical students, residents, and fellows who present their work at our meeting. Please remember that a letter from the trainee’s mentor must be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer’s office (see address on back page) confirming that the individual is a trainee. We must have the trainee’s social security number to process these travel awards, which are issued after the meeting.

Submit your best abstracts now by going to www.medpubinc.com. Remember we are particularly interested in having your trainees and junior faculty present their work at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland, Ohio this fall.

Sincerely,

Jalal Abu-Shaweesh, MD Howard Kilbride, MD Robert Hoffman, MD
President, MWSPR President-Elect, MWSPR Secretary-Treasurer, MWSPR
**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**Wolstein Research Building Auditorium**
**University Hospital Case Medical Center**
**2103 Cornell Road**
**Cleveland, Ohio**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2008**

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  MWSPR Council Meeting, University Hospitals, Lerner Tower 10A

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm  MWSPR Council Dinner

**Thursday, October 16, 2008**

7:30 am – 8:00 am  MWSPR Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am  State of the art presentation - Rainbow’s Pediatric Grand Rounds

9:15 am – 11:30 am  MWSPR Plenary Session I

11:30 am – 12 noon  MWSPR Business Meeting

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Founder’s and Sutherland Award Luncheon
  (Please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending the luncheon)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  MWSPR Plenary Session II

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Poster Session

7:00 pm  Dinner Reception and Round Table Discussion
  (Please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending)

**Friday, October 17, 2008**

7:00 am – 9:00 am  MWSPR Registration

7:30 am – 9:00 am  Trainee Breakfast, Quality Improvement, Michele Walsh, M.D.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm  MWSPR Plenary Session III

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm  MWSPR Kenny, Metcalf, and Student Research Award Luncheon
  (Please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending the luncheon)
This abstract brochure is for the 2008 Midwest Society for Pediatric Research scientific meeting to be held in conjunction with The Department of Pediatrics at Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital and Case Western Reserve University. Included in the Call for Abstracts brochure is information unique to this meeting. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form. The abstract deadline is **July 9, 2008 (11:59 pm EST)**. For Meeting Registration and Abstract Submission, please go to [http://www.medpubinc.com](http://www.medpubinc.com). **Please note:** The abstract fee is separate from the registration fee. You must register to attend the meeting and can do so at the link “Meeting Registration”. The deadline for meeting registration is **September 25th**. For abstracts submitted and accepted for the MWSPR Meeting, they will be published in the November issue of *Pediatric Research*.

It is **REQUIRED** that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please email admin@medpubinc.com or call 734/699-1217 for assistance.

**Abstract Policies**

No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published at the discretion of the Program Committees. The decisions of the Program Committees are final. **Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the abstract deadline.**

2. MWSPR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of $60.00 to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is **separate** from the registration fee. You must also register to attend the meeting. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. For an additional fee of $10.00 purchase orders are accepted ($70.00) Payment must be made by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) or purchase order. Upon filing out the credit card information, please note that your credit card will be charged at that time. By submitting this form with your credit card information, you authorize MedPub, Inc. to charge your credit card for the amount as indicated above. Your credit card statement will show the charge from MedPub, Inc. and **not** from MWSPR.

3. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. Each abstract **must** comply with the following: (1) personal responsibility for assuring that at the time of the meeting for which it is being considered the material herein will not have been published or presented at any national meeting; (2) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it; (3) that any animal studies conform with the “Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals” of the American Physiological Society; (4) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (5) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and sent via email with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee and will not prejudice review of the abstract.
Abstract Preparation
Instructions for Formatting:

1. **Type abstract in the blank template.** The size of type should be no smaller than 10 point, Times New Roman or Times. Simple graphs and tables may be included if they fit within the box. Margins of the blank template are: top .25, bottom .29, right and left .25, page size 6.5 x 5.28 in portrait mode.

2. **Title and Authors.** The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the study. **CAPITALIZE ENTIRE TITLE.** State all authors’ initials and last names followed by their institutional affiliations, city, and state. **BOLD presenting author only. Do not** include degrees, institutional appointments, street address or zip codes on the abstract.

3. **Body.** Organize the body of the abstract to include a purpose of study, methods used, summary of results, and conclusions reached. **Do not skip a line between the title and body of the abstract.**

4. **Abbreviations.** Place nonstandard abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears. **Do not use abbreviations in the abstract title.**

SAMPLE:

RADIATION-INDUCED OSTEOSARCOMA FOLLOWING OSTEOSARCOMA AND LI-FRAUMENI SYNDROME. C Shih, K Bringelsen, The Childrens Hospital, The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH.

Osteosarcoma is the most serious late complication following ionizing radiation to bone in children. The majority of secondary osteosarcomas occur following radiation of other solid tumors: Ewing’s sarcoma............

Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission:

Abstracts must conform exactly to the following instructions. Those that do not may be rejected. **FAXED ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

2. Click the link at the top of the page Submit Abstract. It will take you to the next page where you choose the appropriate meeting for which you are submitting an abstract. Choose the meeting of choice then “Create a New Account” On the following screen click on Submit Abstract and fill out the form.
3. If you are the presenting author be sure to include your full name and email address on the submission form. Also include your mentor/advisor name and email address as the second email on the form, but they **should not** be listed on the submission form as the author, if they are not the presenting author. Awards are chosen based on the presenting author information including rank. If you change the title of your abstract from the time you fill out the submission form on-line to the time you email your abstract, please go back on-line and change it so that they both match. The information on the submission form on-line is what will be printed in the program. You will need to do this by the abstract deadline.
4. Have your credit card and/or purchase order number available before you begin filling out the form. Once you have completed the entire form including your credit card and/or purchase order information, press the submit button. If you leave this page open too long it will time-out and you will have to begin again. Once this is completed, you will receive an email that will contain your blank abstract template. **Please note:** it will arrive at the email address entered on the electronic submission form. **Do not modify the subject header of this e-mail.** The attachment will be a Word/Wordperfect document. Save this to your desktop. Open the document and paste your abstract inside it. The margins, font or paper size of this document cannot be modified. All text and graphics must fit within the allotted space.
5. After the abstract is pasted, save the file **without changing its file name.** Then, reply to the e-mail that was sent making sure you include your abstract as an attachment.

**Note:** If you do not include the file as an attachment your abstract will not be processed. Confirmation emails are sent once your abstract is received. If you do not receive a confirmation email in return within 2 days it is your responsibility to contact us to ensure that we have received your abstract.
Hotel Options

Hotel options are listed below. We are able to offer you the discounted Case Western Reserve University rate at The Glidden House.

The Glidden House Inn
1901 Ford Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
$139
Toll free: 866-812-4537
Email: info@gliddenhouse.com
Rooms will be released after September 15, 2008
(Approx. 0.5 miles from Wolstein Bld, within walking distance)

The Intercontinental Hotel at Cleveland Clinic
Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106
$199.00
216-707-4100 (Kimberly Gilcrest)
Toll free: 1 888-424-6835
Early reservations preferred
(Approx. 1.42 miles from Wolstein Bld, UCRC shuttle service to University Hospital is available).

Transportation:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) provides convenient service to and from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE). RTA’s red line provides regular service between CLE and downtown Cleveland via the Tower City Station. The trip takes less than 30 minutes, and trains depart from CLE every fifteen minutes for the majority of the day. From there you can take a taxi to the hotel. RTA’s station at CLE is located on the lower level of the main terminal. To reach the RTA station, travelers should use the elevators or escalators located in the center of the ticketing and baggage claim levels. For additional information on RTA in general, or specific information on RTA’s airport service, please call 1.216.566.5100, or visit the RTA web site at http://www.riderta.com/pd_airport.asp.

Taxi’s and shuttle services are available in the South End Baggage Claim Level (Adjacent to carousel eleven (11) of the Terminal). For more information on ground transportation please visit Cleveland Hopkins International Airport website at http://www.clevelandairport.com.

Registration for the Meeting

Registration deadline is September 25, 2008

Pre-registration is required for the meeting and you can register on-line by going to www.medpubinc.com. The registration fees are as follows:

Member $50     Non-Member $75     Students, Trainees, and Fellows: Free

Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) and/or Purchase Orders will be accepted. Please note that by submitting this form with your credit card or purchase order information, you authorize MedPub, Inc. to charge your credit card for the amount as indicated above. Your credit card statement will show the charge from MedPub, Inc. and not from the Midwest Society for Pediatric Research.

You must register in advance. Please note there are two luncheons offered for MWSPR attendees at no charge - please indicate if you plan on attending one or both of these events so that meals can be planned.

Register on-line: www.medpubinc.com
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