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**Regional Meetings
Call for Abstracts**

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**Western Regional
Meetings**

**January 28-30, 2016
Carmel, California**

**Abstract Deadline:
October 1, 2015**

CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.

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**Southern Regional
Meetings**

**February 18-20, 2016
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Abstract Deadline:
October 9, 2015**

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Abstract Deadlines and Meeting Dates

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MEETING DATES:

January 28-30, 2016

PLACE:

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California
Phone: 831/624-3996

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

October 1, 2015

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

CTS	California Thoracic Society
WAFMR	Western Section - American Federation for Medical Research
WAP	Western Association of Physicians
WSCI	Western Society for Clinical Investigation
WSPR	Western Society for Pediatric Research
WSMRF	Western Student Medical Research Forum and Residents Forum

CLUB MEETINGS:*

Western Dysmorphology Club
Western Perinatal Club
Western Respiratory Club

Southern Regional Meetings

New Orleans, Louisiana

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MEETING DATES:

February 18-20, 2016

PLACE:

InterContinental New Orleans
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
Phone: 504/525-5566

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

October 9, 2015

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

APA	Academic Pediatric Association
ASN	American Society of Nutrition
SAFMR	Southern Section - American Federation for Medical Research
SSCI	Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
SSPR	Southern Society for Pediatric Research

Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the 2016 AFMR regional scientific meetings and meetings of other participating societies held in conjunction with these meetings. Included in the Call for Abstracts brochure is information unique to the Western and Southern regional meetings. Investigators may submit abstracts to any of the regional meetings regardless of the section or geographic area in which s/he resides. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form for each of the regional meetings which is found on the Internet at <http://wrm2016.abstractcentral.com> or <http://srm2016.abstractcentral.com>. It is **required of all abstract submitters** complete a CME Disclosure Form. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Regional Meetings please visit the AFMR website (<http://www.afmr.org>). **Please note: The abstract fee is separate from the registration fee.** You must also register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. It is REQUIRED that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 888-503-1050 / 434-964-4100 or email: ts.acsupport@thomson.com. Technical Support Hours: 12:00 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday. If other questions arise, email admin@medpubinc.com or call 734/699-1217 for assistance

Information for Fellow Trainees and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

WESTERN MEETING: The Carmel AFMR Scholars Program at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel was created thirteen years ago to honor the academic contribution of junior physician scientists. Scholars who submit an abstract and receive a high score will present in a subspecialty session. We strongly encourage Fellows/Jr. Faculty to submit abstracts to the 2016 meeting. This meeting is in an atmosphere that allows networking among physician-scientists.

SOUTHERN MEETING: Due to the success of the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum, we will continue this program in 2016 for fellows. It will be held at the InterContinental New Orleans on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. This postgraduate competition is designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for fellows training in this subspecialty. This competition is also designed to create a subspecialty atmosphere for networking with other fellows. Those abstracts selected will receive reimbursement for travel, hotel and registration expenses for the forum and the Southern Regional Meeting. We expect that these abstracts will also be submitted to the Southern Regional Meetings. Fellows who are selected for this forum are not eligible for other awards, but may apply. Please see www.ssciweb.org for further details regarding information about abstract submission/deadline. The Cardiovascular Club is offering its own program for cardiology trainees. There will be a separate check box on the submission form labelled Cardiovascular Case Report for this program.

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 (whether or not selected for presentation) will be published at the discretion of the Regional Program Committees. **The decisions of the Program Committees are final.** Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the deadline.
2. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations. Submitter will not be given a choice upon submission.
3. AFMR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of **\$75.00** to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is **separate** from the registration fee. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa). **No checks or purchase orders will be accepted.**

4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see Clinical Research, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). 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;
 - (2) the material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience like a subspecialty meeting, such that the material will be new to the broader audience;
 - (3) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it;
 - (4) that any animal studies conform with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" of the American Physiological Society;
 - (5) 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
 - (6) 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.
- Exception for WSPR Members only:** The material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience like a subspecialty meeting, such that the material will be new to the broader audience of the Western meeting. A statement documenting that the material has been presented previously should be included in the conflict of interest disclosure described above.

Abstract Procedures

Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission. All users are considered New and must Create an Account.

1. For the **Western Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://wrm2016.abstractcentral.com>. For the **Southern Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://srm2016.abstractcentral.com>
2. The first step is to "Create an Account". Information is not saved from one year to the next. Click on the "Create an Account" link in the left side bar menu. During account creation, please bear in mind:
 - A. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
 - B. Your e-mail address is the primary method of correspondence. All system e-mails and other notifications related to the meeting will be sent to this address. Please keep your e-mail address up-to-date!
 - C. The User ID and password that you create will be needed to log into the site after your account is created. Your User ID must be at least 6 characters long and can be a combination of letters and numbers. User ID and Password are case-sensitive.
 - D. The last step in creating your account is to request a "role." For example, if you are requesting the "Abstract Submission" role, you need only check the box and you will receive the role automatically. You will then be able to submit an abstract by logging in, then clicking on the "Submission" tab at the top of the page. If you are not the presenter, you must have all of their information to complete the submission.
3. Once you have logged in using your User Name and Password, click on the Submission tab at the top of page, then on the "Create a New Submission" link located on the left-hand menu bar.
4. It is recommended that you step through the submission pages in a methodical manner, going page by page and filling in the information as you go along, beginning with **Step 1: Title/Body page**.
5. The title must be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in UPPERCASE letters. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in mixed case. **Abbreviations must not be used in the title.**
6. Do not include authors or institutions in the body of your abstract. Type or copy/paste each section of the abstract body into their respective fields. On Step 1: Title/Body page, the body of the abstract must be separated into the fields designated as: **Purpose of Study, Methods Used, Summary of Results, and Conclusions**, respectively.
7. You must complete the Joint Meeting and Tulane Disclosure Statement on **Step 2: Disclosures page**.
8. There is a limit of 2500 characters for the text of your abstract submission. This includes authors, institutions, tables, images, abstract title, abstract body, as well as all spaces.
9. You may add as many tables as you wish. However, each row in the table will deduct approximately 50 characters from the character limit of 2500 characters.
10. Please enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. Complete contact information must be entered for the Presenting Author and the Contact Author. Only name and email address are required for co-authors. If you (the Contact Author) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide full contact information on the Presenter.
11. Enter all department and institutional affiliations. Department is an optional field. Only three (3) institutional affiliations will be allowed per author. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.
12. Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting is displaying properly in your proof. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page by clicking on the page name in the sidebar menu, and make your corrections.
13. If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. In the case of missing items, you will be prompted to enter the missing information. When all required information is entered, click "Submit" to submit your abstract. **Payment is required to complete submission of the abstract.**

Abstract Deadline:

October 1, 2015

**Western Regional Meeting
Sunset Center, Carmel, California**

Meeting Dates:

January 28-30, 2016

The plenary session and registration for all attendees of the Carmel meeting will be held at the Sunset Center. Check-in on-site when you arrive in Carmel to receive your name badge if you pre-registered and your program book. The program for 2016 will begin on Thursday morning with the WAP Symposium and subspecialty session presentations in the afternoon. The Plenary Session will be held on Friday morning and will continue with subspecialty sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The meeting will conclude at noon on Saturday. Highlights of the 2016 program are listed below.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS SYMPOSIUM

Diseases without Borders

Thursday, January 28, 2016 ♦ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Abhay Satoskar, Professor and Vice Chair for Research, Ohio State University School of Medicine
Joseph Vinetz, Professor of Medicine, University of California at San Diego School of Medicine

PLENARY SYMPOSIUM

Diseases without Borders

Friday, January 29, 2016 ♦ 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Solving The Puzzle of Preterm Birth: Calendar Event or Immunologic Anomaly.
David K. Stevenson, Stanford University

Michele Barry, Senior Associate Dean for Global Health, Stanford University School of Medicine

STATE OF THE ART TALKS

Many subspecialty sessions will have a state-of-the-art speaker on Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning.

WELCOME RECEPTION AND STUDENT SUBSPECIALTY AWARD WINNER POSTER SESSION

This year the Welcome Reception and Poster Session, including pizza and beer, will be held on Thursday, January 28 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm at the Carmel Mission Inn. All attendees for the Carmel Meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend. Shuttle will be available from the Sunset Center.

INVESTIGATOR WORKSHOPS

(open to Jr. Faculty and Fellows only)

(Sessions will be held at lunch time on Thursday and Friday)

HOW TO PICK A GOOD SCIENTIFIC QUESTION

W. Conrad Liles, University of Washington

FINDING YOUR NICHE IN RESEARCH

Nevin Wilson, MD, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas
Marybeth Hogan, MD, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas

Western Award Considerations

- ◆ **Fellow and Junior Faculty Scholar Awards.** These awards will be presented to meritorious abstracts for selected subspecialties. **The abstract will be chosen for an award based on score.**
- ◆ **WAFMR Outstanding Investigator Award.** An outstanding investigator award will be presented by WAFMR for the outstanding abstract submitted by a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor level). Candidates for the award must be available the day of presentation at the 2016 Western Regional Meetings. Candidates are requested to submit the individual's curriculum vitae, a letter of nomination from their section/division chief or chair attesting to the significance of the work, and a copy of their abstract marked "COPY" by **October 1, 2015.** This information should be uploaded via the ScholarOne website when you submit your abstract.
- ◆ **WSCI Outstanding Investigator Award.** This award will be given for distinguished research to an accomplished investigator. Names are solicited from the Chairs of Medicine. If you wish to recommend a candidate, please contact your department chair. Candidates for the awards must check this box on the electronic submission form in order to be considered. Applications should be addressed to Kevin D. O'Brien, MD, Secretary-Treasurer, WSCI, and submitted by **October 1, 2015** to: WSCI@medicine.washington.edu.
- ◆ **Mayo Soley Award.** This award will be given to a senior investigator for life time achievement in the area of scientific endeavor and training of junior investigators. A nominating letter and two seconding letters should be addressed to Fred Buckner, MD and submitted by **October 1, 2015** to: FBuckner@medicine.washington.edu.
- ◆ **WSCI Travel Awards.** WSCI travel awards will be given to the top abstract in each subspecialty category submitted by a resident, fellow or faculty member.
- ◆ **WSPR** offers several annual research and educational awards as outlined in the WSPR Spring Newsletter and WSPR website. Awards that require nomination include an **Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Award, David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award, and Joseph St. Geme Education Award.** Highest rated abstract for medical student receives the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award** and the highest rated abstract for PL1, PL2, PL3 pediatric trainee receives the **Abbott Nutrition Pediatric Resident Award.** There are travel awards for the highest rated abstract in each WSPR session.
- ◆ **FIRST ANNUAL CARMEL PRIZES FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE**

The Western Societies of Medicine, comprised of Western Association of Physicians, Western Society for Clinical Investigation, Western Society for Pediatric Research and Western Section for American Federation for Medical Research announce the First Annual Carmel Prizes for Research Excellence. These unrestricted cash prizes will support early career faculty, in the first three years of an Assistant Professor appointment, who demonstrate excellence in any field of medical research. Independent investigators with outstanding research productivity in biomedical, health services, clinical outcomes, medical informatics or medical epidemiology research are encouraged to apply. Up to four prizes of \$3,500.00 each will be awarded in the current competition. **Further information: www.medpubinc.com** under the Western Regional Meeting.

 1. Applicants must be full-time faculty members with primary appointment at the Assistant Professor level in a School of Medicine that is a participant institution in the Western Societies of Medicine. Applicants must be within the first 3 years of appointment at the Assistant Professor level.
 2. Applicants must be engaged in independent, investigator-initiated research, with a record of research productivity.
 3. Applications will consist of a completed NIH-style General Biographical Sketch. Please obtain the appropriate form and follow instructions from the NIH website (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#format>). The Personal Statement section should explain in 2-3 sentences how you could contribute to the mentorship session that you will be required to participate in with students, residents and fellows.
 4. All application materials should be sent electronically to Ms. Lori Ennis (admin@medpubinc.com) **by 5 PM Eastern Time on September 10, 2015.** You will be required to deliver a 30-minute oral presentation on your current area of investigation.
- ◆ **WAFMR/WSPR Outstanding Student Research Awards.** WAFMR, WSCI and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by students in each subspecialty. This award will recognize outstanding abstracts presented by students.
- ◆ **Outstanding Resident Award.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed or physiologic case reports given by residents.

Western Meeting Registration

Registration Information for Attendees:

Pre-registration for faculty, fellows, students, and residents is available on-line via www.medpubinc.com. Choose the Meeting Registration tab at the top of the page, next page choose 2016 WRM Meeting. There is a discount for early registration. Faculty, fellows, students, and residents check in on-site at the Sunset Center in Carmel.

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California

Registration Hours:

Thursday, January 28, 2016 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday, January 29, 2016 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Hotel Accommodations

The 2016 Western Regional Meetings take place at the Sunset Center in Carmel. Since there is no Hotel Headquarters, the Western societies have arranged to use a reservation service that will assist you with your hotel, motel, and inn accommodations for the "Doctor's Meeting." Please contact any of the following:

Resort II Me 800/449-1499 or 800/757-5646

Student and Resident Hotel Reservations:

All students stay at the Carmel Mission Inn. Please use group code: "WSMRF" when making reservations. To make a reservation call: 1-800-348-9090

Attention All Students/Residents in the Health Professions

The Western Student Medical Research Committee hosts the 44th Annual Western Student Medical Research Forum in conjunction with the 2016 Western Regional Meetings. The forum is open to all students in the health professions and will be held at the Sunset Center. The forum is hosted by the Western Student Medical Research Committee comprised of members from each participating medical school. Special activities designed especially for student presenters include: Posters, Pizza and Beer Welcome Reception, and Awards Forum.

All students submitting an abstract to the 2016 Western Regional Meetings **should indicate WSMRF as their membership category**. The top 20 ranked student abstracts will give an oral and poster presentation. Additional questions or information about the Western Student Medical Research Forum should be directed to your Student Affairs Office or your WSMRF Committee Member (find them at www.wsmrf.net and click the Contact icon) or contact:

Laurel Desnick, WSMRF Program Co-Director
Email: ldesnick@u.washington.edu
Website: www.wsmrf.net

2016 Registration Fees		
WAFMR/AFMR/WAP/WSCI/WSPR/WSMRF		
		After 1/11/16
Member	\$200	\$250
Non-Member	\$300	\$350
Fellow/Trainee	\$125	\$150
Emeritus	\$125	\$150
Student	\$120	\$130
Resident	\$120	\$130
CME Credit	\$100	
On-site	(\$75 increase in all categories above)	

Welcome Cocktail Reception and Poster Session

Thursday, January 28, 2016
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Carmel Mission Inn

All attendees are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring students, fellows and junior faculty from their institution. The reception is sponsored by all of the societies participating in the 2016 Western Regional Meetings.