Call for Abstracts

Preliminary Program

April 23-24, 2009 • Mid-America Club • Chicago, IL

Abstract Deadline: December 5, 2008

2009

Combined Annual Meeting

Jointly sponsored by:
CSCR, MWAFMR and Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine
2009 Combined Annual Meeting Learning Objectives

The 2009 Combined Annual Meeting of the Central Society for Clinical Research (CSCR) and the Midwestern Section American Federation for Medical Research (MWAFMR) presents the Hickam Lecture, Keynote Speaker, two plenary sessions and an oral abstract session on topics of timely interest for researchers and physicians interested in the broad field of clinical research. Participants at the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting will acquire knowledge into clinical research techniques and new findings in various aspects of internal medicine and other fields. At the completion of the meeting, participants should be able to:

- Recognize the value of new research techniques;
- Describe new research findings in cardiology, gastroenterology, pulmonary and critical care, hematology and oncology, nephrology, infectious disease, allergy, immunology and rheumatology;
- Explain the diagnosis and management of diseases and disorders across various subspecialties of medicine.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and the Midwestern Section American Federation for Medical Research. Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement
The Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

2009 COMBINED ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Moderated Poster Presentations
K Award Grants
Department Chair and Oral Abstract Sessions
CSCR Hickam Lecture
MWAFMR Keynote Speaker
Preliminary Program

The leadership of CSCR and MWAFMR are pleased to present the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting. The Combined Annual Meeting has a rich history and always strives to provide a forum for young investigators at the fellow and associate/assistant professor level. This is also one of the few multi-specialty meetings with a broad focus where the attendees can learn about research techniques used in other specialties of medicine and apply those techniques to their own research.

Some highlights of the meeting include Department Chair Sessions, the Oral Abstract Session, the CSCR Hickam Lecture and the MWAFMR Keynote Speaker. New for 2009 - CSCR and MWAFMR will offer digital posters to those selected for the Moderated Poster Presentations during the Welcome Reception Poster Session on the evening of April 23rd and the Luncheon Poster Session on the afternoon of April 24th. During each of the poster sessions, Moderated Poster Presentations will be held for the top submissions in various subspecialties of medicine. Some of our expert reviewers for the Moderated Poster Presentations include James Cook, Greg Vercellotti, Neal Weintraub, David Kamp, and Terrence Barrett.

To assist young investigators who wish to attend the meeting and present their research to leaders in their fields, the following grants and awards are being offered: 50 grants in the amount of $1,000 each will be made available to K08, K23 and K30 Awardees. The Outstanding Young Investigator Award, Cardiovascular Award and Trainee Travel Awards will be offered. The MWAFMR/Centocor Scholar’s Program is available by merit-based invitation. See page 4 for details.

The 2009 Combined Annual Meeting will take place immediately prior to the annual meeting of ASCI/AAP (see page 5 for details).

Thursday, April 23, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Translational Research
Associate Editors Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
CSCR Council Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Registration Open

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
AFMR Career Development Workshop

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Poster Author Set-Up

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception and Poster Session

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
CSCR Sugar Club/Midwest Metabolism Dinner

Friday, April 24, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Registration open

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Poster Author Set-Up

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Opening remarks by the CSCR President and the MWAFMR President

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Department Chair Session 1
Douglas E. Vaughn, MD
Northwestern University
Irving S. Cutter Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
MWAFMR Keynote Speaker
Christine Seidman, MD
Harvard Medical School
Professor, Departments of Medicine and Genetics

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Oral Abstract Session

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Buffet Lunch and Poster Presentations

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
CSCR Hickam Lecture
Stanley Hazen, MD PhD
Cleveland Clinic
Section Head, Preventive Cardiology and Rehabilitation

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Department Chair Session 2
William W. Busse, MD
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
CSCR Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
MWAFMR Scholar’s Program

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Hospitality Suite at Swissôtel
Complimentary and open to all attendees

Visit the CSCR web site at www.cscr.com for program updates.
Submission Instructions for Authors

Log on to www.cscr.com and follow the links to the Call for Abstracts and Abstract Submission.

Once you have accessed the Abstract Central submission site:

- To begin a new abstract choose “Create a New Submission” on the sidebar
- To view abstracts that are in progress or already submitted choose “View Submissions”.

To ensure that your data is entered correctly, please follow all instructions carefully. When you have completed the abstract submission process, please print a copy of the submitted abstract. To do this, go to the Submitted Abstracts section on the View Abstracts page and click on “print”.

1)  DEADLINE: The deadline for electronic submission of abstracts is December 5, 2008 11:59 pm ET.

2)  CHARACTER LIMIT: There is a limit of 3800 characters (including spaces) and tables for the text of your abstract submission. The character limit does not include authors, institutions, or title.

3)  SPECIAL CHARACTERS and FORMATTING: If you copy and past the title and/or body from your word processor, special characters or formatting may not transfer. You may have to replace special characters and/or insert formatting tags using the special character palette.

4)  TITLE: The title will be displayed in all uppercase. Do not enter formatting tags into the title.

5)  INSTITUTIONS: Enter all departmental and institutional affiliations. Department is an optional field. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.

6)  AUTHORS: Please enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. If you (the Contact Author) are not the Presenter on the abstract, you will need to provide contact information on the Presenter. The presenter is also required to complete a full financial disclosure.

7)  KEY WORDS: Up to three key words should be selected. You are required to select at least one key word.

8)  TABLES: One table may be added to the abstract. Each table row will deduct 50 characters from the character count.

9)  AWARDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA: If you are applying for an award you may have to upload one or more of the following pieces of supplemental data: A Curriculum Vitae, Letter(s) of support/recommendation, and Proof of K Award Status. You must upload these documents during abstract submission in order to be considered for the award. Accepted file types are .doc, .pdf and .rtf.

10)  ABSTRACT PROOF: Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting are 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.

11)  SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT: If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. When all required information is entered, the “submit” button will appear at the bottom. You will have to pay the $75.00 Submission Fee to complete the submission process. After entering your payment information, print the resulting page as your electronic receipt. If you need to obtain a receipt after the submission process has closed, Login, click the “submission” button, and click on “view proof” to find a copy of your abstract and a receipt.

12)  TECHNICAL SUPPORT: If you have any difficulty with the submission process that you cannot resolve yourself, please call or e-mail ScholarOne Technical Support. The e-mail address and phone number are available from anywhere on the site by clicking on the “Technical Support” link located in the upper right-hand corner of each page.

Visit www.cscr.com to submit an abstract and register for the meeting.
Oral Abstract and Award Information

Oral Abstract Consideration
An Oral Abstract Session is scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, April 24th. The presenters in this session will be the highest ranked abstract submitters in each of the three categories (Observational Science, Mechanisms of Disease, and Disease Modulation/Intervention). The three presenters will receive an honorarium in the amount of $2,500 each; in addition to any grants or awards they will also apply for/receive. All submitted abstracts will be considered for the Oral Abstract Session. If you DO NOT wish to be considered for an oral presentation, please check the appropriate box on the abstract submission web site.

CSCR will offer the following awards for 2009. Please note special requirements below. Be sure to indicate which award you are applying for when submitting your abstract online (this is available in a pull-down menu on the online submission). To qualify for any of the following awards, abstracts and supporting materials/letters of support must be received on or before the abstract deadline of December 5, 2008 via the abstract submission web site. Candidates must also be available to present their research at either the Thursday, April 23rd or Friday, April 24th poster session.

- Grants will be made available to current K08, K23 and K30 Awardees who submit an abstract for poster presentation. Fifty (50) grants in the amount of $1,000 each will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis to these individuals. The qualifications to apply for and receive a K Award Grant are: 1) the applicant has submitted proof of their K Award status via the abstract submission web site; 2) the applicant has been accepted to present a poster at the Combined Annual Meeting; 3) the applicant must attend the conference and present their research. Candidates are requested to upload proof of K Awardee status on or before the abstract deadline of December 5, 2008 on the abstract submission web site.

- One Outstanding Young Investigator Award of $1,000 will be recognized. Criteria for this award include: 1) independent review and determination of outstanding scientific achievement in the basic or applied sciences; 2) candidates for this award must be available for poster presentation of their abstract at the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting on either Thursday, April 23 or Friday, April 24, 2009. Candidates are requested to upload a letter of nomination from their department chairperson and curriculum vitae on or before the abstract deadline of December 5, 2008 on the abstract submission web site.

- The Cardiovascular Subspecialty Section of CSCR is offering a $1,000 Cardiovascular Investigator Award for medical students, residents, fellows, and pre-doctoral and post-doctoral PhD’s. Criteria for this award include: 1) independent review and determination of outstanding scientific achievement in cardiovascular science; 2) candidates for this award must be available for poster presentation of their abstract at the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting on either Thursday, April 23 or Friday, April 24, 2009. Candidates are requested to submit a letter of nomination from their department chairperson and curriculum vitae on or before the abstract deadline of December 5, 2008 on the abstract submission web site.

- CSCR will sponsor a number of travel awards to trainees (student, resident, or fellow) and junior faculty selected to present a poster or abstract at the 2009 meeting in order to subsidize expenses such as travel, accommodations and abstract submission fees. The award winners will be selected based on abstract scoring review and final judgment of an ad hoc committee. Awards for those trainees from the city of Chicago and surrounding area will be $200 and $500 for those outside the surrounding area or outside the state of Illinois. The qualifications to apply for and receive a travel award are: 1) the trainee or junior faculty has been accepted to present a poster at the Combined Annual Meeting; 2) the trainee or junior faculty is not eligible to be reimbursed as an NCRR supported trainee; 3) the trainee must attend the conference and present their research; 4) the first author must be three years or less from completion of his or her fellowship. To qualify for consideration of a travel award, the trainee must be the presenter and first or second author of a submitted abstract. Candidates are requested to upload a letter of recommendation on or before the abstract deadline of December 5, 2008 on the abstract submission web site.

MWAFMR/Centocor Scholar’s Program
The MWAFMR will once again be offering the Centocor Scholar’s Program in Gastroenterology, Rheumatology and Immunology (by invitation). The purpose of this program is to promote the careers of junior investigators by giving them an opportunity to give oral presentations in a critical but intimate and friendly environment and network with both established and early investigators in their area of interest. Industry representatives have kindly agreed to fund this program. A $500 honorarium will be awarded to the investigators with the highest ranked abstracts in this area. To be considered for the Scholar’s Program, check the appropriate box on the abstract submission form. Only students, residents and fellows are eligible.

For additional information on the Oral Abstract Session or any of the Awards, please contact the CSCR office at (414) 273-2209.
Meeting Location Information

The 2009 Combined Annual Meeting will be held at the Mid-America Club in Chicago, IL. The Mid-America Club is located on the 80th floor of the Aon Building. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as the Aon Building is a secure facility and you will need to be listed on the pre-registration list to allow entry into the building. Please visit www.cscr.com for additional information.

The Mid-America Club
200 East Randolph Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312.861.1100
www.midamclub.com

CSCR and MWAFMR have reserved rooms at the Swissôtel Chicago for our attendees. The Swissôtel is approximately two blocks from the Mid-America Club and is also the location of the Friday evening complimentary Hospitality Suite. The rates and location are as follows:

Swissôtel Chicago
323 E. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312.565.0565
Toll-free: 888.73.SWISS
www.swissotelchicago.com

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Special Note for the Physically Challenged

The Central Society for Clinical Research and the Midwestern Section American Federation for Medical Research wish to take steps to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of auxiliary aids and services. If you need an auxiliary aid or service identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any assistance in registering for this meeting, please contact the CSCR Executive Office by phone at (414) 273-2209, by e-mail at cscr@execinc.com or by mail at 555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Visit Chicago!

Log onto www.meetinchicago.com to customize your trip to Chicago while attending the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting.

By visiting www.meetinchicago.com, you can:
• Make online restaurant reservations (Free!);
• Create your own custom map that includes your choice of attractions and restaurants;
• Print off coupons offering discounts from over 140 Chicago downtown and airport retail stores, restaurants, theater, attractions, sightseeing and nightlife venues;
• Obtain a variety of inside tips and practical resources, including weather averages, hospital and pharmacy locations and places of worship;
• Discover what’s going on during your visit by searching our comprehensive listings by dates, and keyword or interest.

Cross-Registration Opportunities

ASCI/AAP Annual Meeting

By arrangement with the ASCI/AAP, trainees attending the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting of CSCR and MWAFMR will be able to attend the Annual Meeting of ASCI/AAP without additional registration costs. The ASCI/AAP Annual Meeting will be held at the Fairmont Chicago Hotel beginning on the afternoon of April 24, 2009. Please visit www.the-asci.org or www.cscr.com for additional details.

APSA Annual Meeting

The American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) is dedicated to the career development and community building of physician scientists in training. The national meeting will be held at the Fairmont Chicago Hotel and will begin on Friday, April 24, 2009 and end on Sunday, April 26, 2009. The goal of this meeting is to expose current trainees to the wide myriad of career opportunities available to them as budding physician-scientists.

Leading physician-scientists have been invited to speak on their individual career paths and their current research topics. These individuals represent industry, the NIH and academia.

CSCR and MWAFMR are offering complimentary registration to APSA attendees of the Combined Annual Meeting. Please visit www.physicianscientists.org/Meetings.htm or www.cscr.com for more details regarding the APSA annual meeting. APSA members planning on attending the CSCR/MWAFMR Combined Annual Meeting are required to pre-register for the meeting.
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☐ AFMR Career Development Workshop

I am a member of: ☐ CSCR ☐ MWAFMR ☐ AFMR ☐ Non-member ☐ ASCI ☐ AAP ☐ APSA (Check all that apply)

☐ I am a non-member of AFMR and would like a complimentary copy of the AFMR Journal of Investigative Medicine which includes the Final Program and copies of all abstracts for this meeting.

Pre-registration and Payment

Please pre-register me for the 2009 Combined Annual Meeting

☐ I am a student or trainee. Please pre-register me for the meeting at no charge.

☐ Enclosed is my check for $25.00 made payable to CSCR (Central Society for Clinical Research)

☐ Please charge my VISA or MasterCard (circle one)

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