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Call for Abstracts for Paper and Poster Presentations for Academy 2019 Orlando and 3rd World Congress of Optometry Scientific Program

The Scientific Program Committee invites the submission of abstracts for Academy 2019 Orlando and 3rd World Congress of Optometry, to be held Wednesday, October 23 through Sunday, October 27. The Scientific Program offers researchers, educators, and clinicians the opportunity to exchange the latest information in optometry and vision science in two formats, research paper presentations and scientific posters.

“The annual meeting is a great forum to showcase your recent scientific and clinical findings in optometry and vision science, and we encourage authors to submit abstracts for both oral and poster presentations,” says Suresh Viswanathan, MS, PhD, FAAO, Chair of the Academy Scientific Program Committee.

“The World Congress of Optometry is held every 2 years allowing optometrists, educators, researchers, students, public health experts, and others from around the world to share their knowledge, network, learn, and understand the global needs for eye care. Authors from around the world are encouraged to submit abstracts for poster and/or paper presentations,” states Bina Patel, OD, FAAO, Chair of the World Council of Optometry Scientific Program Committee.

The abstract submission window will be open from **May 1 through May 31, 2019**. This year, the Scientific Program Committee will organize multiple focused paper and poster sessions on special topics that will offer attendees an opportunity to engage in lively discussions and debates.

The Scientific Program Committee will consider all presentations including those from students and residents. Submissions of previously published copyrighted material (e.g. ARVO abstracts or journal articles) will not be accepted. Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:

Research Abstracts

- Level of scientific or clinical novelty
- Methodological soundness

- Quantitative description of results
- Statistical analysis for significance of results
- Support of conclusions by results
- Adherence to submission instructions and ethical standards
- Language and grammar

Case Reports

- Level of clinical novelty
- Completeness of case work-up to support proposed diagnosis
- Sufficient author involvement in the examination, diagnosis and/or management of the case
- Adherence to submission instructions and ethical standards
- Language and grammar

First authors (excluding students and residents) of accepted papers/posters are also eligible to register for the meeting at reduced rates. To read more about the submission guidelines or to submit an abstract, visit <http://bit.ly/AcademySciProg> or <http://bit.ly/WCOSciProg>.

About the American Academy of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) enhances excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science through its journal, *Optometry and Vision Science*, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. Fellows of the Academy are committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong obligation of a professional, as is the commitment to expand the profession's knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.aaopt.org>.

About the World Council of Optometry

The WCO's vision is of a world where optometry makes high quality eye health and vision care accessible to all people. To achieve its vision, the WCO's mission is to facilitate the development of optometry around the world and support optometrists in promoting eye health and vision care as a human right through advocacy, education, policy development and humanitarian outreach. Having celebrated its 90-year anniversary in 2017, the WCO now collectively represents more than 200,000 optometrists in more than 60 countries through almost 300 affiliate, country, corporate and individual memberships across six world regions. The WCO is the only optometric body in official relations with the World Health Organization. For more information, visit <http://worldcouncilofoptometry.info/>.

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