

All are invited and encouraged to submit scientific abstracts to be considered for presentation at the 12th World Congress on the Menopause. Submission of an abstract intended for presentation will imply that the authors have neither published the information elsewhere nor presented the information at a national or international meeting prior to this meeting.

Young investigators (under 36 years of age at the time of the Congress) are invited to enter their abstracts for the prestigious **Robert B. Greenblatt Prizes**. The International Menopause Society is also pleased to announce the establishment of **The IMS/Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Henry Burger Prize**. More information about these Prizes and the submission procedure can be found in the Congress Web site: www.imsmadrid2008.com.

Abstracts submitted for oral or poster presentation will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee. Once an abstract is accepted, the Committee will decide whether it is to be presented as an oral communication or as a Poster.

Oral Presentation: Each presentation, to be given by the author, should last no more than 7 minutes and will be followed by a 3-minute discussion period. Authors will be informed of the day and time of each oral presentation in the letter of acceptance of their abstract.

Poster Presentation: Authors of those abstracts accepted for poster presentation will be notified of the day and time of their poster session. During the poster session, one of the authors must be available at the specified times to answer questions from attendees.

Information about the size and format of the posters will be given to authors in their letter of acceptance. However, the Congress will offer all attendees a "Poster printing" service so that they do not need to bring their poster to Madrid but can collect it onsite in the Conference center. Further information about this service will be provided by the deadline for submission of abstracts (February 15, 2008).

GENERAL RULES

Deadline for submission of abstracts: February 15, 2008.

Abstracts received after this deadline will not be considered. For an accepted oral or poster abstract, one of the abstract authors must make the presentation and must be registered to the Congress. Each registered participant may submit a maximum of three (3) abstracts. All abstracts must be submitted through the Congress online abstract submission system.

Abstracts can no longer be submitted in paper form. Details can be found on the Congress Web site: www.imsmadrid2008.com. The online submission system will provide the appropriate fields required to submit abstracts

Notification
Presenting authors will be notified regarding the acceptance and/or rejection of their submissions. (ESTIMATED DATE: MARCH 9, 2008). Instructions for oral and poster presentations will be included with this correspondence.

All submitted abstracts will be sent to an International Panel of Reviewers. The reviewers' decision is final and not open to appeal.

Submission of an abstract indicates acceptance of and compliance with the abstract submission rules, the scientific validity of the presentation, and that all authors have read and approved the abstract and its contents. By submitting an abstract, the authors affirm that the work was conducted in accordance with current ethical standards and regulations in biomedical research. Failure to adhere to these standards will result in rejection of the abstract. The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission to the Secretariat.

With each submission, the presenting author must include his/her address, telephone and fax numbers, and an e-mail address. This information will be used for correspondence regarding the receipt and acceptance of the abstract.

Abstracts requirements

All abstracts **must** be submitted in English in a **structured format** which includes the following:

Title: Use a concise title that indicates the content of the abstract. The complete title should be capitalized. Do not use abbreviations in the title.

Authors: Surnames and initials for every author must be provided. Do not include degrees or titles. The name of the presenting author should be underlined. An author's name appearing on more than one abstract must be identical in each case.

Affiliations: Each author should be listed by institution, city, state/province and country. Do not include department, division, laboratory, etc. In abstracts where the authors have different affiliations, please indicate for each author the number of the corresponding affiliation.

Text: It should not exceed 400 words. Abstracts will be reproduced exactly as submitted and will not be edited in any way. Abbreviations should be kept to a minimum. Use of standard abbreviations is acceptable. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full term for the first time it appears. Linguistic accuracy is the responsibility of the authors. Drug products mentioned in the abstract should be identified by their non-proprietary names only. Do not capitalize non-proprietary names.

The key headings are as follows:

Objective: An introductory statement concisely indicating the purpose of the study.

Design & Method: Brief description of the study and the methods used, including statistical evaluation.

Results: A summary confirming or refuting the hypothesis, supported by statistics, if appropriate.

Conclusion: Based on the results as they appear in the abstract. Abstracts stating that "results will be presented or discussed" are considered uninformative and may be subject to rejection.

Key words

Up to three key words that summarize the contents of the abstracts can be entered and will be used for indexing the Abstract Book.

Publication

Please note that all accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement to *Climacteric* (The Official Journal of The International Menopause Society).

Please avoid problems by checking your abstract carefully before sending it. No modifications can be made after submission. Authors who wish to withdraw their abstract should send a written request to: ims.2008@tilea.es

Thematic areas

Please indicate in the appropriate box the topic classification to which your abstract belongs. The Scientific Committee will attempt to respect the author's option regarding their self-assignment to a special topic, but it reserves the right to change the allocation in order to achieve a well-balanced scientific program.

1. A new look at statins
2. Aging and hormones
3. Aging brain
4. ART and the aging woman
5. Assessing risk in the 21st Century
6. Bone
7. Brain protection and estrogen
8. Breast cancer
9. Breast cancer trials
10. Cardiovascular disease as an immune disorder
11. Clinical epidemiology
12. Cognition
13. Complementary and alternative medicine
14. Ethical issues in the menopause
15. Genetics of menopausal complications
16. Gynecological cancers
17. Holistic approach to menopause
18. Hormones and breast cancer
19. HRT and endometrium
20. Imaging
21. Immune system
22. Lipids
23. Low estrogen
24. Metabolic syndrome
25. Mood
26. New bone treatment
27. New clinical trials
28. New hormones and obesity/appetite
29. New regimens
30. Prevention
31. Progestins and breast cancer
32. Quality of life
33. Sexuality
34. Skin
35. The aging male
36. The aging woman
37. Urogenital
38. Women and heart disease
39. Miscellaneous