

Scoliosis Research Society - 2010 Call for Abstracts and Save the Date



17th IMAST
TORONTO, CANADA
July 21-24, 2010



45th Annual Meeting
KYOTO, JAPAN
September 22-25, 2010



Scientific Content

The 17th IMAST and 45th Annual Meeting will be comprised of the latest science in the field, presented as paper (oral) presentations, posters and e-posters. Presenters will represent the best of the SRS membership, as well as non-members, from an increasingly international group of physicians and researchers. The scientific programs, posters and e-posters will be selected by the IMAST and Annual Meeting Program Committees, based on a blinded review of submissions.

Who Should Attend

The 2010 IMAST and Annual Meeting are open to anyone involved in the treatment of spinal deformities including spine surgeons, residents and fellows, physician assistants, nurses and other allied health professionals, and researchers. The presentations selected from over 1,100 submissions will provide valuable information to all individuals caring for patients with spinal deformities.

Online Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be submitted to both meetings online via the SRS Web site (www.srs.org). Complete instructions for submission are available online. Abstracts may be submitted to either the 17th IMAST, 45th Annual Meeting or to both meetings at the same time.

Submission Deadline

All abstracts must be submitted online by Monday, February 1, 2010.

Abstract Review

All abstracts submitted will be reviewed and graded in blinded fashion by the IMAST and Annual Meeting Program Committees. The review process takes approximately 8 weeks, and acceptance notification will be made by e-mail by April 1, 2010 for IMAST and approximately April 15 for the Annual Meeting.

Abstract Categories

Abstracts submitted to the 17th IMAST and/or 45th Annual Meeting must fit into one of the following categories to be considered for presentation:

Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis	Diagnostic Methods	Kyphosis
Adult Spinal Deformity	‡Disc Replacement/Dynamic Stabilization	‡Lumbar Degenerative
Aging Spine	Early Onset Scoliosis	Miscellaneous
Basic Science	Etiology/Genetics	Neuromuscular Deformity
Cervical Deformity	Natural History	Spondylolisthesis
‡Cervical Reconstruction	Infection	Trauma
Congenital Deformity	Innovative Methods	Tumors
Complications		‡IMAST-Only Category

Abstract Length

Submission length is limited, depending on the presentation type requested.

Oral Presentation Preferred	2,250 characters
Précis of Abstract	80 characters
Poster/E-Poster Presentation Preferred	1,090 characters

Characters in the abstract title, abstract body and tables or images will be counted (including spaces). Characters in the author and institution listing will not be counted. There is a strict limit of one graph, figure or table to each submitted abstract. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

Disclosure and Licensing Requirement

Abstract authors will be required to submit a Conflict of Interest (COI) Disclosure Statement, an FDA Disclosure Form, and a Non-Exclusive Licensing Agreement during the online submission process. ALL authors listed on an abstract will be required to submit a COI disclosure form, including disclosure of ALL relationships, not only those pertaining to the topic of the abstract. In the event that all authors on an abstract have not completed these required forms prior to the submission deadline of February 1, the abstract will NOT be reviewed or considered for inclusion in either the IMAST or Annual Meeting programs.

Product-Specific Language

The SRS Board of Directors has determined that the term “hardware” should not be used in written abstract submissions, oral presentations, poster presentations, and e-poster presentations. The terms “instrumentation,” “implants,” “constructs,” or “montage” should be used instead.

Brand names such as “Isola, TSRH, CD, etc.,” should not be used in your abstract, but should be replaced by a generic description of the instrumentation.

For Annual Meeting presentations, A MINIMUM (not average) two-year follow-up is required for all papers except those dealing with innovative methods. No patients with less than a two-year follow-up should be included in your data. Two-year follow-up is not required for papers submitted to IMAST.

Previous Publication or Presentation

Abstracts which have been published in journals, meeting proceedings or other publications, as well as those presented at meetings prior to the SRS meeting to which you wish to submit are NOT eligible for submission. Only abstracts that have NOT been previously published or presented are eligible for submission.

Author Attendance Requirement

By submitting an abstract to IMAST and/or the Annual Meeting, abstract authors are agreeing that at least one author will attend the meeting(s) for which the abstract is accepted and will be available to present on the date and at the time assigned by the organizing committees. Authors will be notified of presentation schedules at the time of or shortly after notification of acceptance and are expected to make appropriate travel arrangements to ensure that at least one of the abstract's authors will be in attendance. In addition, presenting authors are expected to register to attend the meetings for which they are accepted by the deadline set forth in their acceptance notification. Abstracts for which an author is not pre-registered by the dates set forth will automatically be withdrawn from the program.

Oral Presentation Cancellation & No-Show Policy

If an author or co-author is not able to attend the meeting to present a paper in person, it is expected that an abstract be withdrawn in advance of the meeting (by April 1, 2010 for IMAST or June 1, 2010 for the Annual Meeting) so that an alternate paper may be substituted. In the case of a “no-show” oral presentation, please note that all authors and co-authors associated with the “no-show” paper will be prohibited from presenting any papers at the next two IMAST or Annual Meetings.

Poster and E-Poster Cancellation Policy

At least one author or co-author on all posters and e-posters are expected to register to attend the meetings for which they are accepted by the deadline set forth in their acceptance notification. If this author cancels their registration prior to the meeting, the poster or e-poster may be withdrawn from the program.

What's The Difference Between The Two Meetings?

IMAST

- Always held outside the United States – Toronto, Canada in 2010
- Approximately 850 delegates
- 2.5 - day program , including papers and e-posters (no traditional posters), commercial exhibits and demonstrations
- Oral presentations are 4-minutes in length
- 2 year follow-up not required
- Topics focus on new and advanced techniques

Annual Meeting

- Held outside the US every third year – Kyoto, Japan in 2010
- Approximately 1,100 attendees
- 2.5 - day program plus Pre-Meeting Course, including papers, e-posters, and traditional posters
- Oral presentations are 4-minutes in length
- Minimum 2-year follow-up required for abstract submissions, except those submitted to the Innovative Methods category

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Why Not Submit To Both Meetings?



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