

Dear POSNA and APOA members,

The website is now open for submission of abstracts for consideration for the 2010 Annual meeting of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, co-hosted by the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association Pediatric Section. On behalf of the program committee, I look forward to receiving your submissions, allowing us to construct a program of the latest research and advances in our field. As in past years, we will have blinded grading of abstracts by the program committee and invited readers, and every paper will be reviewed by a minimum of 8 readers.

In an effort to be a leader amongst professional medical societies in addressing potential financial conflicts of interest, you will notice that this year's abstract submission form asks you to report financial conflicts of interest using threshold ranges. We ask you to report any relationships you or your co-authors have had in the past 12 months with companies or institutions that are related to your research. This will let us be compliant with the requirements for accreditation for CME credits, and more importantly will allow the program committee, and then our annual meeting audience, to consider this information in assessing the research. Below is relevant language from the AAOS website on disclosure and requirements for accreditation:

“As an accredited provider of CME the Academy is required by the Accreditation Councils for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to obtain and share with CME participants any potential conflicts of interest by faculty, authors, program developers, and CME planners.

The provider must be able to show that everyone who is in a position to control the content of an education activity has disclosed all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest to the provider. The ACCME defines " 'relevant' financial relationships" as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest.”

As program chair for the 2010, I am excited about our meeting in Hawaii, partnering with our colleagues from the Asia-Pacific region.

Please use this link to access the POSNA website for abstract submissions:
http://www.posna.org/education/abstracts/submit/submit_abstr.cfm. If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact me: Steven.Frick@carolinashealthcare.org or the POSNA office: posna@aaos.org.

See you at the Waikoloa Village in May 2010!

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