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The Educational Program Committee of the Global Specialty Lens Symposium invites the submission of abstracts for the presentation of Free Papers and Posters to be held January 24-27, 2019, in Las Vegas. The committee seeks topics including new and innovative concepts and research on all aspects of contact lenses (such as materials, designs, lens care) in addition to related topics such as corneal and ocular surface disease, diagnosis and treatment approaches, and practice management.

Abstract Guidelines

Abstract submissions for the 2019 Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) will be accepted only through the official GSLs website, www.GSLSymposium.com, until August 31, 2018, at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Authors will be provided with the following set of standard headings to structure their abstract: TITLE, AUTHORS, AFFILIATIONS, PURPOSE, METHODS, RESULTS, and CONCLUSIONS.

The abstract, excluding title, author names and affiliations (i.e. institutions, contact information), is limited to a total of 2,500 characters (including spaces, punctuation, etc). Submissions that exceed this limit will not be accepted by the website, but the submitter will immediately be given the opportunity to modify the submission so that it fits within this size limit. Images and figures within abstracts are not allowed. Authors are encouraged to keep abstracts succinct.

The first author will receive immediate confirmation that his or her abstract was received via an e-mail confirmation sent to the address listed for the communicating author.

Policies

The first author is asked to indicate his or her preference for a Free Paper or Poster presentation (note that there are a limited number Free Papers). In addition, please indicate in the respective field on the submission form whether you would be willing to consider future publication in *Contact Lens Spectrum*. The submitting author is also required to assure that the abstract complies with each of the following standards, insofar as they are applicable:

1. Any and all research involving human subjects must be conducted in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Declaration of Helsinki and in adherence of applicable national and local human subject's requirements, including an indication of human subject informed consent, as published by The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.¹
2. Submissions that are clinical trials must indicate that they comply with and have registered on clinicaltrials.gov.²

¹ <https://www.arvo.org/About/policies/helsinki-declaration/>

² <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/about-site/background>



3. Research involving animal subjects must be conducted in accordance with international standards for animal treatment and care, as published by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.³
4. Any and all co-author(s) must read the final, submitted version of the abstract and explicitly consent to include their name(s) in the list of authors. The submitting author is responsible for assuring that all co-authors have had the opportunity to do so, and should indicate compliance as instructed on the web submission form.
5. Conflicts of Interest, or lack thereof, must be disclosed as instructed on the abstract submission form per that of *Contact Lens Spectrum*.
6. All Free Paper presentations are a maximum of 8 minutes in length.
7. Poster presenters are responsible for developing, printing, shipping/transporting, and hanging their poster and will be supplied an appropriately sized board (no smaller than 4' x 6') for poster hanging.

Registration

First authors must be registered for the Global Specialty Lens Symposium and are expected to present their accepted work. First authors for selected free papers will receive **\$150** off registration for the meeting, and poster submissions that are selected will be given **\$100** off their GSLS registration.

Notification

The first author will be notified of the Committee's decision on or after September 15, 2018 via the email address they provide at the time of submission. There will be a poster competition divided in two categories— Clinical and Research—and the three winners selected from each category will be notified at the GSLS meeting. The winners will receive an American Express gift card. For each category, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive \$300 USD, \$200 USD, and \$100 USD, respectively.

Summary of Process

Web Submissions only: www.GSLSymposium.com

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³ <https://www.arvo.org/About/policies/statement-for-the-use-of-animals-in-ophthalmic-and-vision-research/>