

CALL FOR POSTERS—

**57th Annual Heart of America Eye Care Congress
(formerly known as Heart of America Contact Lens
Society): February 9-11, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel at
Crown Center, Kansas City, MO 64108**

INTRODUCTION

The Heart of America Eye Care Congress is pleased to invite your participation in the Clinical and Scientific Poster Session at the 2018 HOAECC meeting. The poster session will be an interactive poster session on Saturday, February 10, 2018 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM) where presenters will be present for Q and A.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Abstracts based on unique clinical cases and all aspects of optometric research are currently being accepted. All case reports and research must be complete at the time of submission. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via email submission by December 1, 2017. The preferred format is Word sent to Education1@hoaecc.org

[HOACLS Abstract Submission Form](#)

[HOACLS Abstract Submission Example](#)

POSTER SELECTION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

Authors will be notified by e-mail of the acceptance of their poster by mid-December. Acceptance will be based on the following criteria:

All abstracts must meet the following requirements:

- a. By December 1, 2017 the complete abstract must be submitted by email in a Word document to Education1@hoaecc.org.
- b. A primary author may submit as many posters as he or she would like.
- c. The abstract submission form must be filled out completely; otherwise the entry will be disqualified.
- d. The abstract must be no more than 250 words (not including the keywords, title and authors). All abstracts over this word count will be disqualified.
- e. The information conveyed must be of sufficient general interest to the optometric community.
- f. The abstract must be clear, concise, and well-written in anticipation of publication.
- g. The abstract must contain sufficient detail for evaluation.

Scientific abstracts must meet the following additional requirements:

- h. The abstract must be based on original research.
- i. The abstract must describe a scientific investigation of the idea or product being studied.
- j. The abstract must demonstrate a clear and soundly tested hypothesis.
- k. The conclusions in the abstract must appear to be justified by the results presented.
- l. The abstract must contain evidence of a significant new result and the significance must be clear from the abstract.
- m. The abstract may contain preliminary results.

Case report abstracts must meet the following additional requirements:

- n. The case report must highlight timely or essential information, not just a review of information already in the literature.
- o. The case report must be unique-if two similar case reports are submitted, a choice may be made between the two to maximize diversity in the poster program.
- p. The case report must demonstrate complete follow through of patient care.
- q. The clinical significance of the case report must be clear from the abstract.
- r. Acceptable case format:

- Background
- Case Presentation
- Clinical Testing
- Plan
- Treatment
- Discussion
- Conclusion

SELECTED POSTERS- BENEFITS

The **primary** author of posters that are selected for the 2018 HOAECC meeting is eligible for the following benefits:

1. There are five, \$2,000 awards for outstanding student/ resident submissions as selected by the HOAECC Board of Directors. The five winners will be given transportation and lodging for the 2018 Congress.
2. \$100 Excellence In Research Grant for any poster presented in person at the Conference.
3. Publication of Poster on the HOAECC website.

Please note that authors of selected posters (other than the five grand prize winners) will be responsible for hotel & transportation costs, fees for participation in Continuing Education courses, and all other fees associated with attendance at the HOAECC meeting. Posters are peer-reviewed and only those that meet the acceptance criteria will be selected for presentation.

ATTENDING THE POSTER SESSION

On acceptance, registration information for the 2018 HOAECC meeting will be e-mailed to the presenting author. These materials will contain all of the details about the meeting including information about hotel reservations.

Presenting authors must register for the meeting by December 31, 2017. Authors must arrive at the HOAECC meeting in time to set up their posters on Saturday February 10, 2018 between 8:00 am and 10:00 am, and must present their poster at the interactive session from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Under fee changes approved in 2016 - students are now registered free. Residents pay 95.00 (early) 125.00 (late) and 155 (on-site).

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

The HOAECC will be using a 48" high X 96" wide Velcro pushpin-receptive display. All text on the poster should be in type no smaller than 18 pt. and must be legible from a distance of about 4-5 feet. Each illustration should contain a caption.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FELLOWSHIP POINTS

All graduates of schools or colleges of optometry who present an original poster during the 2018 Poster Session will be eligible for points toward Academy fellowship. The poster must be original content and not presented at any other major meeting. The primary author must be present during the entire poster session.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission (Word format) deadline: December 1, 2017

Notification of acceptance: December 20, 2017

HOAECC Meeting Registration Deadline for Presenters: December 31, 2017

Digital Copy of poster emailed to Education1@hoaecc.org: February 1, 2018

2018 HOAECC Meeting: February 9-11, 2018

Poster Set-up: Saturday—February 10, 2018 (8am to 10am)

Interactive Poster Session: Saturday—February 10, 2018 (10 am to 12 pm)

Awards Banquet: Saturday—February 10, 2018 (6:30 pm to ?)

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