
Abstract Review Committee Update

By Mohammed Osman, MD, PhD, FRCPC

Dear Colleagues,

The abstracts have been submitted, and the CRA Abstract Review Committee has been working hard, reading and scoring the abstracts, ably supported by Virginia Hopkins (Manager, Research & Innovation). The committee aims to select the abstracts worthy of poster or podium presentations at the 78th CRA & AHPA Annual Scientific Meeting. We are excited to see you all in Winnipeg!

The Annual Scientific Meeting Committee, supported by Claire McGowan (Manager, Educational Programs and Events), has also been actively engaged to foster the multiple learning opportunities available at the ASM. Our meeting continues to garner interest from researchers, clinicians, trainees, and industry across Canada. This year, we received 171 abstract submissions (150 abstracts and 21 late-breaking abstracts). Each abstract is scored by three reviewers, and the best in each category are chosen based on the average score. The chair will break any ties for a spot on the in-person poster tours and for podium presentations. Thank you to all our reviewers for their help and commitment!

There will be in-person podium presentations and poster tours during which the top-ranked abstracts will be presented. There will also be interactive in-person poster sessions where attendees will be able to discuss posters with the presenters. The top 5 abstracts in each award category will be judged during the scheduled podium, poster tour, or poster session for the following awards:

- Best Abstract on Quality Care Initiatives in Rheumatology
- Best Abstract on Research by Young Faculty
- Best Abstract on Pediatric Research by Young Faculty
- Best Abstract on Basic Science Research by a Trainee
- Best Abstract on Clinical or Epidemiology Research by a Trainee – Phil Rosen Award
- Best Abstract on SLE Research by a Trainee – Ian Watson Award
- Best Abstract by a Medical Student
- Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Resident
- Best Abstract by an Undergraduate Student
- Best Abstract by a Post-Graduate Research Trainee
- Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Post-Graduate Research Trainee
- Best Abstract on Spondyloarthritis Research Award

We look forward to seeing you all during the in person (and virtual) CRA & AHPA ASM!

Sincerely,

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