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# Abstract Review Committee Update

By Mohammed Osman, MD, PhD, FRCPC

Dear Colleagues,

The abstracts have been submitted, and the Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) Abstract Review Committee has been working hard, reading and scoring the abstracts, ably supported by Virginia Hopkins (Manager, Innovation & Research). The committee aims to select the abstracts worthy of poster or podium presentations at the 79th CRA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). We are excited to see you all in Calgary!

This year, we received 216 abstract submissions. Each abstract will be scored by three reviewers, and the best in each category are chosen based on the average score. The chair will break any tie for a spot on the podium presentations, abstract workshops, and in-person poster tours. Many thanks to all our reviewers for their help and commitment!

There will be in-person podium presentations, poster tours and abstract workshops during which the top-ranked abstracts will be presented. The abstract workshops are new this year and will consist of a main abstract as a mini state-of-the-art lecture followed by three or four mini abstract presentations relevant to the main topic presented in the same session. We will also adjudicate the top five abstracts in each award category during the scheduled abstract workshop, 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
- Best Abstract on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Rheumatology

We look forward to seeing you all during the in-person 2025 CRA ASM!

Sincerely,

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