



Australian Cardiovascular Health and Rehabilitation Association 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee would like to encourage you to present at the Annual Scientific Meeting by submitting an abstract for review and consideration. The ACRA 2018 ASM will be held from Monday, 30 July to Wednesday, 1 August 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane, Queensland.

The overarching aim of the 2018 meeting will be to “Create, Collaborate, and Grow”. This theme recognises that relationships in which partners work collaboratively towards shared goals, allow for greater recognition, reward and success than individuals competing in a landscape of finite resources. This idea will be echoed through the conference as we explore the latest in cardiovascular care, while also taking a moment to stop and consider how we take care of our own health as health professionals. We will also be using innovative formats such as “walk-shops” to showcase the latest innovations in care.

Abstract submission deadline: Monday, 19 March 2018.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Your abstract should be entered into either the **research** or **clinical** category. Alternatively, see the separate call for projects to be entered into the new, “**Clinical Excellence Showcase**”.

While you will be asked to indicate your preferred presentation format, either **oral** or **poster**, the Scientific Committee may request an alternate format be considered.

You will be asked to submit:

- Name and contact details of the presenting author
- Name and affiliation/s of all author/s
- Preferred presentation type
- Abstract title
- Abstract content (this should not exceed 250 words).

To submit your abstract, you will need to create a profile (if you do not have one already) in our online abstract management system, *Currinda*. This is a simple step and will take less than two minutes to set up. Once you have registered your profile, the abstract submission process is quite simple and easy to follow.

Please submit your abstract online by the deadline above via this link: <https://tas.currinda.com/event/1686>

This year we also have a **new separate category for innovative projects, programs or quality improvement initiatives**. These presentations do not require a formal submission of abstract and are designed to be short, sharp, exciting and practical. Please see the separate call for our “**Clinical Excellence Showcase**” for more information about the submission process for this category.

ABSTRACT CONTENT HELPFUL HINTS

Points to consider when uploading your abstract:

- Only capitalise the first word and pronouns in your Abstract Title
- Make sure you include all the authors and their organisation details in the affiliation section
- Abstract should not exceed 250 words
- Your abstract will appear on the Conference App exactly how you submit it
- Use the points below to help direct what should be included in your abstract content.

Abstract Heading Suggestions:

- Background/Rationale
- Methods
- Outcomes
- Implications for practice
- Conclusions / Key messages.

Please note that all accepted abstract presenting authors are required to register and pay, for at least one day, at the ACRA 2018 ASM.

REVIEW PROCESS

All abstracts will undergo a blind peer-review process by the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will allocate abstracts to the program taking into account the balance of the program.

NOTIFICATION OF ABSTRACTS STATUS

An acknowledgement email will be sent as confirmation of receipt of your abstract. After the review process, a notification email will be sent to the submitting author by Monday, 21st May 2018. It is the submitting authors responsibility to forward this notification to the presenting author.

Please note: Upon acceptance, the Organising Committee reserve the right to modify the title and/or description of the abstract for the purpose of our conference website, conference app and other promotions. You will have the opportunity to approve/edit if required.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration open	Monday, 26 February 2018
Abstracts due	Monday, 19 March 2018
Abstract acceptance advised	Monday, 23 April 2018
Full Scientific Program available	Monday, 21 May 2018
Early bird registration closes	Monday, 11 June 2018
ACRA 2018 ASM	Monday, 30 July – Wednesday, 1 August 2018

PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded during the Conference:

- Best Poster Award
- Best Research Paper Presentation Award
- Best Clinical Paper Presentation Award
- People's Choice Award (Oral)
- People's Choice Award (Poster).

Finalists for the prize sessions will be selected to present based on the ranking of the abstract. Both ACRA members and non-members are eligible for prizes. Oral papers selected for the prize sessions will be allocated 10 minutes' presentation time, plus five minutes for Q & A.

Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference program. There will also be a dedicated Poster Q & A Session during one catering break on each day of the conference during which you are asked to be “in residence” at your poster to present your work to delegates and answer questions.

Both oral and poster presentations selected for the prize sessions will be marked on the following criteria:

- *Visual layout and presentation*
- *Impact and/or significance*
- *Quality of presentation*
- *Results / scientific merit*
- *Responses to questions*
- *Adherence to time allocation*

In all sessions, timings must be strictly adhered to. Presentations which run over the time allocated risk being penalised.

ACRA 2018 ASM SECRETARIAT

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