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Sharing Excellence in Global Venous Science Thursday, February 21, 2019

The **31st Annual Meeting of the American Venous Forum** is pleased to open this global symposium to abstract submissions from around the world. In association with the **venous-lymphatics World International Network foundation (vWIN)**, our vision for this symposium is to promote international, evidence-based science and exposure to the AVF. Last year's Global Venous Science symposium was so popular, it has moved from a concurrent session to the main meeting agenda!

We encourage all attendees (National or International, submitting an abstract or not) to attend. This International Symposium is free for registered attendees of the AVF Annual Meeting. Registration for the AVF Annual Meeting will be opening soon on our new web site at www.VeinForum.org.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES & REGULATION

Abstracts must meet the following criteria:

- Abstracts can be submitted by an author residing outside of the United States.
- Pertinent references must be reported both in the abstracts and in the presentation.
- **Previously presented and/or published elsewhere are accepted and encouraged.** (Please note date and venue if previously published.)
- All submitted abstracts will be blindly peer reviewed.
- Abstracts must be structured as follows:
 - 1) Background, 2) Methods 3) Results 4) Conclusions.
- Abstract text must be between 50 (minimum) and 500 (maximum) words.
- Each table and/or graph will count as 25 words.
- Include your presentation preference (oral or poster), although the final determination will be made by the symposium committee.

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- Oral Presentation: 5 minutes in length. 3 minutes questions from a discussant.
- Poster Presentation: Authors will be given the opportunity to provide a 3-minute oral presentation in front of an audience and 2 international judges.
- Abstracts submitted not following the above rules will be not be reviewed.

SUBMISSION:

Please send your submissions to: Lowell Kabnick (LSK@LowellKabnickMD.com), Sergio Giancesini (info@vWINfoundation.com) and Jeffrey Mendola (Jeffrey@VeinForum.org).

Your submission should include:

- Title
- Authors with the name of the presenting author underlined (*it is not required that the presenter be the first author in order to win the award*)
- Affiliation
- Structured abstract with references
- Date and venue if previously published

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Sunday, September 30, 2018

The scientific committee will receive the abstract without authors and affiliation information. The selection results will be communicated no later **than November 1, 2018.**

BENEFITS & AWARDS:


Winners will be selected during the symposium after committee evaluation of the speaker’s performance. The 3 highest ranking oral and poster presentations will receive a certificate.

The **best oral presentation** will receive a **1000 USD flight stipend** from the vWIN Foundation and **free registration** from the AVF for the 2020 AVF Annual Meeting.

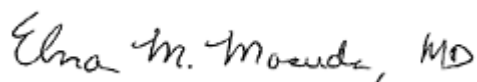
The **second oral presentation** will receive a **500 USD flight stipend** from the vWIN Foundation and **free registration** from the AVF for the 2020 AVF Annual Meeting.

The **best poster presentation** will receive a **500 USD flight stipend** from the vWIN Foundation and **free registration** from the AVF for the 2020 AVF Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,



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