

Call for Abstracts

On November 5 and 6th a Vaccinology Research Symposium will be held to honor the research career of Dr. David Scheifele. The Symposium will be held in Vancouver, BC at the Child & Family Research Institute.

We invite participants to submit abstracts for oral presentation under the following categories:

1. *Clinical Vaccinology Science*, including methodology, pre-licensure epidemiology of vaccine preventable diseases, clinical trials, new vaccines and vaccine safety; and
2. *Laboratory Vaccinology Science*, including pre-clinical vaccine development, immunology and basic science.
3. *Programmatic Evaluation and Research*, social science (vaccine hesitancy), economics, modelling and programmatic issues (process evaluation, vaccine coverage, post-marketing surveillance, disease impact);

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the abstracts:

- a. Pertinence to immunization programs
- b. Clear statement of testable objective(s) or purpose;
- c. Appropriate methods;
- d. Conclusions clearly stemming from results; and
- e. Originality.

Abstracts are to be submitted in English, and should not exceed 300 words, excluding title and authors. The abstract should clearly and concisely describe the material to be presented.

Abstracts that are submitted must NOT have been previously presented or published. Data that is in press is acceptable.

FORMAT OF ABSTRACTS

Title – Be as brief and explicit as possible. Do not use abbreviations or acronyms in the title.

Contact Information – Please include your full mailing address, telephone number and email address.

Name(s) of Author(s) – Please provide the name of each author, and if possible the email address. Provide the affiliation(s) of the author(s) (organization, city, province, country). A maximum of three affiliations is permitted for each co-author.

Abstract Text

Please follow the structured format, indicating in bold the five parts of your abstract:

- Limit the text to 300 words (excluding title and authors)
- Use subtitles to mark the parts of the abstract;
 - Background/Hypothesis – provide the background to the problem/issue and the problem under investigation/the hypothesis
 - Methods – methods used to address the purpose
 - Results – the results obtained in summary form
 - Conclusion: a summary of your findings which are supported by your results
- Always define abbreviations and acronyms including standard measures. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears.
- Each abstract must be complete (i.e. it must include all information necessary for its comprehension and not refer to another text by using phrases such as “...the data will be elaborated...”). The results section needs to be complete (i.e. data analysis to follow is not acceptable). The abstract must contain precise and quantifiable data.
- Data tables are permitted where required, but should be kept brief. Each table will count as 75 words against the 300 word limit.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are to be submitted in a WORD document to Gordean Bjornson at gbjornson@cfri.ca by September 21, 2015.

Selected abstracts will be notified by September 29, 2015.