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Abstract Subject Categories

Please select the **ONE** category from the following list that **BEST** matches your abstract submission. NOTE: Authors are asked to carefully select the category under which they submit their abstracts. Poor or inappropriate category selection may result in the rejection of the submission.

Multiple disease areas in Neuroscience require a multidisciplinary approach. Therefore, categories for research presentations are categorized by disease areas. Please select a research category for your abstract based upon the disease studied; whether your abstract deals with basic biomedical sciences, surgery, neurophysiology or medical (neurology) therapy.

Neurosurgery

- General/Intracranial Neurosurgery
- Spine

Combined Neurology / Neurosurgery

- Trauma, Critical Care
- History, Education
- Stroke (Vascular Neurology, Imaging, Basic Science, Neurovascular / Endovascular Surgery)
- Epilepsy (EEG, Basic Science, Imaging, Neurology and Epilepsy Surgery)
- Movement Disorders (Basic Science, Neurology, Imaging & Functional Neurosurgery)
- Neuromuscular (Basic Science, EMG/NCS & Peripheral Nerve Surgery)
- Neuro-oncology (Medical and Radiation Oncology, Imaging, Tumour Surgery, Basic Science)

General Neuroradiology

Pediatrics (Neurology, Neurosurgery)

Neurology

- General Neurology
- MS
- Dementia



Abstract Presentation Format

Presentation Preference

- Specify in the “Presentation Preference” section on the online Abstract Submission Form your preference for “Digital Poster only”, “Platform only (oral presentation)” or “Either Digital Poster or Platform”. Your preference will be considered, however there are a limited number of slots available for both presentation formats.
- If an author chooses “Platform only”, but the paper is not accepted as a Platform presentation, that paper may be presented as a Digital Poster, if it meets the criteria for poster presentations.
- The Scientific Program Committee makes all final decisions regarding presentation format and the number of abstracts accepted from any author or group. **For 2012, Primary authors are limited to 5 submissions and Contributing authors may be recognized on no more than 10 submissions.**

NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO ACCEPTED AUTHORS IN MARCH 2012.

Platform Presentations

Platform presentations are limited to 10 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for any discussion.

Audio Visual for Platform Sessions

Standard Equipment:

Data projection will be provided. The standard format is 640 x 480 for MAC or PC. Please note computers will be supplied and a Speaker Preparation Room will be available. Authors will be responsible for delivery of their presentations to the Speaker Preparation Room 3 hours before their scheduled time.

Digital Poster Presentations

New! Ever responsive to delegate feedback, CNSF is reverting to scheduled poster presentation times. All accepted posters will be given 5 - 10 minutes for review and defense during one of two author stand-by sessions – one on Thursday evening and the second on Friday over the lunch break.

New! Author email addresses will appear within the poster and delegates will be able to send questions or feedback directly from the viewing station. Note: requires permission from author to display email address.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences



Submit your abstract online at www.cnsfederation.org

Rules for Preparation of Abstracts

*All abstracts must be submitted online at www.cnsfederation.org.
No paper submissions will be accepted.*

Abstracts

1. Each abstract should consist of four separate paragraphs. These should be labeled Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Each abstract should, briefly and concisely, describe the problem or issue being addressed, how the study was performed, the salient results or findings, and what the authors conclude from these results.
2. Research presented in abstracts must conform to MRC guidelines for experimental procedures. All investigations involving humans and animals reported in CNSF publications must have been conducted in conformity with these principles.
3. Abstract titles are restricted to 80 characters maximum (including spaces).
4. Conflict of Interest: The CNSF expects that authors will declare any financial interest in a company (or its competitors) that makes a product discussed in the abstract.
5. Abstracts will be graded for quality. For 2012, Primary authors are limited to 5 submissions and Contributing authors may be recognized on no more than 10 submissions.

Abstracts Submitted for Society Prizes

Individuals who have submitted a paper for consideration for one of the Society Awards, must also submit their abstract to the CNSF Annual Congress, on the official online abstract submission form. If the abstract is also accepted for presentation at the Congress, the winner is automatically awarded an oral platform.

How Abstracts are Judged and Assigned

Abstracts submitted for presentation will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee in January and February. Notification of acceptance and schedule information will be sent in March.

Abstracts will be judged according to four criteria: scientific merit, originality, interest for CNSF members and clarity of expression.

Assigning Abstracts to Sessions

The Scientific Program Committee assigns papers to sessions on substantive grounds in an attempt to make the scientific program as strong and attractive as possible.

All poster presenters must register for the Annual Congress and will be required to pay the appropriate registration fee.

Abstracts must be received by January 15, 2012. Late abstracts will not be accepted.



Instructions for Online Abstract Submissions

1. Authors are invited to submit an abstract, (not exceeding 200 words, excluding title and authors) on or before January 15, 2012.
2. Prepare your abstract in word processing or text editing software. Do not use Powerpoint or other presentation software.
3. The title should be in lower case letters except for the first word and abbreviations.
4. Please have full contact information for the submitting and all potential presenting authors.
5. Spell out all unusual abbreviations in full.
6. When ready to submit, go the Congress web site (www.cnsfederation.org), select the designated page, and click on the 'submit abstract' link.
7. A detailed instruction set for abstract submission is available in PDF format from the web site; click on the Detailed Instructions link.
8. All submitting authors are required to complete a declaration of financial interest, and a publication release form.
9. You will be asked to select your preferred presentation format, (platform, digital poster, or either). The type of presentation awarded is at the discretion of the Scientific Program Review Committee.
10. You will also be asked to select a subject category from the aforementioned predetermined list. Please carefully select the subject which best matches your abstract. Poor or inappropriate category selection may result in the rejection of the submission.
11. On completion of your submission you will receive a confirmation by email. If you do not receive an email within 12 hours, please contact cnsf@scolars.com.
12. Authors may submit multiple abstracts, though the Scientific Program Committee retains the right to limit them at their discretion. For 2012, Primary authors are limited to 5 submissions and Contributing authors may be recognized on no more than 10 submissions.
13. Acceptance notices will be sent by e-mail, and are expected to be sent in early March. If you have not received a notice by March 15, 2012 please contact cnsf@scolars.com.



Society Prizes

Rules Governing all Society Prizes

1. Contestants must be a member of one of the four Societies of the CNSF (a Junior member or an Active member within two years of receiving their certificate), but they do not have to belong to the Society whose prize they are applying for.
2. All Society Prize submissions must be received by January 15, 2012. This deadline is firm.
3. The same person may submit papers on different topics for the same prize.
4. The same paper may not be submitted to more than one Society.
5. Papers must be submitted in PDF format only and be no larger than 8MB in size.
6. Contestants must also submit their abstract to the CNSF Annual Congress, on the official abstract submission site. If the abstract is also accepted for presentation at the Congress, the winner is automatically awarded an oral platform.

Technical Specifications

- Submissions accepted by email ONLY.
- Must be submitted as a PDF.
- Maximum file size is 8MB.
- CNSF will send a receipt of confirmation within 5 business days.
- If you do not receive a receipt of confirmation after 6 business days please contact the CNSF at marika-fitzgerald@cnsfederation.org.
- Those submitting an abstract for a Society Prize must also submit their abstract to the 2012 CNSF Congress.
- Congress Abstract Submission process is independent from the the Society Prize Submission process.

The prize winners' names will be announced in the Neuro News newsletter, in the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences and on the CNSF website.

The Canadian Neurological Society

The Francis McNaughton Memorial Prize

The André Barbeau Memorial Prize

The Canadian Neurosurgical Society

The K.G. McKenzie Memorial Prize for Basic Neuroscience Research Prize

The K.G. McKenzie Memorial Prize for Clinical Neuroscience Research Prize

The Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists

The Herbert Jasper Prize

The Canadian Association of Child Neurology

The President's Prize



The Canadian Neurological Society

The 2012 Francis McNaughton Memorial Prize and the André Barbeau Memorial Prize

The Canadian Neurological Society invites submissions for its two prizes: the Francis McNaughton Memorial Prize for clinical research and the André Barbeau Memorial Prize for basic research. The rules governing these prizes are listed below.

1. The Francis McNaughton and André Barbeau Memorial Prizes, designed to encourage neurology trainees to undertake research projects, are awarded for the best submitted papers based on work done during neurology residency or in post-residency training. The contestants need not be the sole authors, but should have been primarily responsible for the work being presented.
2. In order to be eligible for this prize, contestants need to be a member of one of the four Societies of the CNSF (a Junior member or an Active member within two years of receiving their certificate).
3. The winning papers in each category will be presented as a platform presentation at the CNSF Annual Congress.
4. Each prize will consist of a certificate as well as:
 - o \$1,000 cash
 - o Full registration to the Congress, value \$600 (approx).
 - o Travel to the Congress, maximum \$700, receipts required.
 - o 2 nights accommodation, maximum \$500, receipts required.
5. A second place award of \$500 for each prize may be awarded as well.
6. The President of the Canadian Neurological Society, and two other Society members chosen by the President, will serve as the Prize Review Committee. If the committee finds none of the submissions acceptable, no awards will be presented.
7. Full papers prepared in a standard format such as that prescribed by the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences, and including an abstract of no more than 200 words, are to be submitted in a PDF file c/o of the Secretariat office.
8. All Society Prize submissions must be received by **January 15, 2012**. This deadline is firm.
9. Contestants must also submit their abstract to the CNSF Annual Congress, on the official online abstract submission site.
10. Authors must include a signed statement indicating the paper has not been presented at any other meeting or previously published (presentation at residents/fellows research symposium excluded).

Applicants for the prizes should send their submissions to:

Canadian Neurological Society
c/o marika-fitzgerald@cnsfederation.org



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The Canadian Neurosurgical Society

in co-operation with The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

The 2012 K.G. McKenzie Memorial Prizes

The K.G. McKenzie Prize for Basic Neuroscience Research and the K.G. McKenzie Prize for Clinical Neuroscience Research

There will be one citation and prize in each of the Basic Neuroscience and Clinical Neuroscience categories for the best manuscripts submitted to the McKenzie Award Committee of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society, by a neurosurgical resident, in which he or she is the principal author. The winning papers in each category will be presented as a platform presentation at the CNSF Annual Congress.

1. In order to be eligible for this prize, contestants must be a member of one of the four Societies of the CNSF (a junior member or an active member within two years of receiving their certificate.) A letter from the chair of the program indicating the work was done by a neurosurgical resident and was principally the work of that resident is required. A small biography should accompany this letter to indicate where the candidate is in his/her neurosurgical training, if he/she is in a diploma program, and other work he/she has done.
2. Each prize will consist of a certificate as well as:
 - o \$1,000 cash
 - o Full registration to the Congress, value \$600 (approx).
 - o Travel to the Congress, maximum \$700, receipts required.
 - o 2 nights accommodation, maximum \$500, receipts required.
3. A second place award of \$500 for each prize may be awarded as well.
4. Please state what category of award, either clinical or basic, is being sought. Resubmission by a previous prize winner is not encouraged.
5. Contestants must submit a structured abstract, expanded up to, but not exceeding 3 pages, which is to include any figures, tables, and necessary references. Submissions longer than 3 pages of single spaced typing WILL NOT be considered. The format followed should consist of Background, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusions. The authors should bear in mind, in the background section, that not all judges will be experts in the subject of the research paper. Submissions should be sent as three separate PDF files:
 - 1-Letter from Program Chair
 - 2-Candidate's Biography
 - 3-Structured Abstract
6. Contestants must also submit an abstract of no more than 200 words, to the CNSF Annual Congress, on the official online abstract submission site.
7. All Society Prize submissions must be received by **January 15, 2012**. This deadline is firm.

Applicants for the prize should send their submissions to:

Canadian Neurosurgical Society c/o marika-fitzgerald@cnsfederation.org



The Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists

The 2012 Herbert Jasper Prize

The Herbert Jasper Prize is awarded annually for the best submitted paper in clinical or basic neurophysiology by a resident or fellow in training.

1. The prize consists of a certificate as well as:
 - o \$1,000 cash
 - o Full registration to the Congress, value \$600 (approx).
 - o Travel to the Congress, maximum \$700, receipts required.
 - o 2 nights accommodation, maximum \$500, receipts required.
2. A second place award of \$500 may be awarded as well.
3. In order to be eligible for this prize, contestants need to be a member of one of the four Societies of the CNSF (a Junior member or an Active member within two years of receiving their certificate).
4. Full papers prepared in the standard format of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences should be submitted electronically in a PDF file with an abstract of 200 words or less, and consist of a report of the research project findings and relevant related material.
5. Authors must include a signed statement indicating that the paper has not been presented at any other meeting or previously published (presentation at residents/fellows research symposium excluded).
6. All Society Prize submissions must be received by **January 15, 2012**. This deadline is firm.
7. Contestants must also submit an abstract to the CNSF Annual Congress, on the official online abstract submission form.
8. The CSCN is also offering a single \$500 award for the best EEG abstract submitted to the Congress, and a single \$500 award for the best EMG abstract submitted to the Congress.

Applicants for the prize should send their submissions to:

Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists
c/o marika-fitzgerald@cnsfederation.org



The Canadian Association of Child Neurology

The 2012 President's Prize

The President's Prize is awarded annually for the best paper in pediatric neuroscience by a resident or fellow.

1. The prize consists of a certificate as well as:
 - o \$1,000 cash
 - o Full registration to the Congress, value \$600 (approx).
 - o Travel to the Congress, maximum \$700, receipts required.
 - o 2 nights accommodation, maximum \$500, receipts required.
2. A second place award of \$500 may be awarded as well.
3. In order to be eligible for this prize, contestants must be a member of one of the four Societies of the CNSF (a Junior member or an Active member within two years of receiving their certificate).
4. Full papers, prepared in the standard format of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences, with an abstract of 200 words or less, should be submitted electronically in a PDF file.
5. The paper should not have been published or accepted for publication at the time of submission (with the exception of papers submitted to ICNA).
6. All Society Prize submissions must be received by **January 15, 2012**. This deadline is firm.
7. Contestants must also submit an abstract to the CNSF Annual Congress, on the official online abstract submission form.

Applicants for the prize should send their submissions to:

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