

**AANP 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention and Exposition**  
**“Embody Nature, Redefine Health”**  
**The Arizona Biltmore – Phoenix, AZ**  
**August 13-16, 2008**

### **Call for Abstracts**

The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians invites you to submit an abstract for the AANP 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention and Exposition in Phoenix, Arizona.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the AANP Convention Committee. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Proceedings Manual and course notes will be published on CD-Rom, which will be distributed to conference attendees.

Please read all guidelines before submitting an abstract.

### **Important Dates**

January 31, 2008 – **Abstract submissions due**

March 1, 2008 – Notification date

May 1, 2008 – **Abstract submissions due for Research and Poster Presentations**

June 2, 2008 – Notification for Research Presentations

June 13, 2008 – **Electronic course note submission deadline.**

### **Presentation Topics**

The AANP 2008 Annual Convention Committee is looking for a wide variety of interesting topics for the convention. The 2008 program will also have a special emphasis on 3 tracks: Oncology, Corporate Sponsored Research and Clinical practice (see descriptions of each below). If you would like to be considered for one of these tracks, please indicate this on your abstract.

### **Conference Attendees**

The AANP will be offering both Naturopathic Continuing Education credits and ACCME approved Continuing Medical Education credits at the 2008 convention. Conference attendees come from a variety of backgrounds and specialties including:

- Physicians and medical practitioners
- Obstetricians and midwives
- Physical medicine specialists
- Chinese and Eastern medicine practitioners
- Psychologists and psychotherapists
- Homeopaths
- Nutritionists, herbalists and botanists
- Researchers and scientists
- Policy makers and government officials
- Environmentalists and farmers
- Educators
- Students

## Fees

Presenters at the conference pay their own travel expenses. Those who will be attending other educational sessions are also required to pay the applicable registration fees. Conference presenters will receive a small honorarium. No compensation will be given to Poster Presenters.

## Selection Process

The Convention Committee will review all abstracts and make selections based on content, objectives, relevance to the conference themes, and other evaluation criteria.

The deadline for abstract submissions is **January 31, 2008 (May 1, 2008 for Research Presentations)**. All persons who submit abstracts will receive notification of the committee's decision no later than March 1, 2008 (June 1, 2008 for Research Presentations).

The deadline for electronic note/outline submission is **June 13, 2008**. By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to this deadline. The Convention Committee has the right to cancel any presenter who has not met this deadline.

The Convention Committee will select abstracts for oral, research & poster presentations. *Vendor Workshops, as they have existed in the past, will no longer be presented. Appropriate corporate sponsored research will be competitively selected for CE presentation as a track throughout the convention for a sponsorship fee.* There will also be other sponsorship opportunities for vendor presentations. Please contact Gene Summers at [gene@sync-opate.com](mailto:gene@sync-opate.com) for more information about vendor presentations.

## Evaluation Criteria

- Quality and originality
- Potential significance of naturopathic medical philosophy or application to healthcare clinical practice, research or policy
- Timeliness
- Clarity of writing and presentation
- Relevance to conference themes
- Completed or nearly completed research

## Types of Presentations

The convention will host several types of presentations including oral presentations (60 and 90 minutes in length), research presentations (15 minutes each – presented in a set of at least 4) and poster presentations.

The 2008 convention program will include sessions based in 3 tracks.

- Oncology
- Corporate Sponsored Research
- Clinical Practice

**The Oncology Track** will deliver a comprehensive survey of current trends in oncology. The track will occur in multiple parts over the course of several convention days. Each day will provide successively comprehensive material as built upon the previous days' information. For

instance, Day 1 will provide an overview of basic principles of oncologic medicine as well as general approaches to the patient in the naturopathic setting. Other days' topics include: psychosocial oncology, integration issues, principles of naturopathic co-management of people undergoing conventional therapy, targeted therapies in the naturopathic setting, current issues in naturopathic oncology, botanicals in oncology, advanced oncology and the philosophy of the naturopathic approach to the person with cancer. Abstracts are being considered for all of the above subjects as part of this call.

**The Corporate Sponsored Research Track** will take the place of our Vendor Workshops, and will be competitively selected. If selected, a fee will apply. Presentations will be selected on the same criteria as dictated for all abstract submissions. The AANP's objective in expanding this offering is to allow a venue for our corporate community to demonstrate through research vs. product marketing the benefits of new offerings to consumers.

**The Clinical Practice Track** is designed to provide Naturopathic Doctors with information that they can immediately use in their practice. Experienced ND's will present and moderate interactive sessions on a variety of conditions seen in everyday practice. We will ensure that the information presented is relevant to ND's who practice in licensed or unlicensed states, with or without prescription rights. The track will cover a wide variety of topics. Possibilities include: A Survey of Treatments for Musculoskeletal Pain, Mood: depression, anxiety, OCD, GU and GYN, Auto Immune Diseases, Pediatric Health, Blood Sugar Disorders, Demystifying Homeopathy for General Practice, Naturopathic Laboratory Testing, Magnets for the Treatment of Pain, Cardiovascular Issues, IV Therapy Essentials and Review

**Poster presentations** offer an opportunity for clinical and/or scientific presentations in an interactive environment. Abstracts may be submitted to the poster program on any area of research, naturopathic medicine, clinical practice or policy. Abstracts that are not accepted for oral presentation will automatically be considered for poster presentations.

All presentations (excluding poster presentations) should qualify for Naturopathic Continuing Education Credits. If you believe your presentation would qualify for a specific credit (CME, Pharmacy, Ethics) please indicate this on your submission.

## **Instructions for Abstract Submissions**

### **General Policies and Requirements**

- ❑ Abstracts must be factual and report significant research findings, clinical procedures and results, techniques, topics, or products.
- ❑ All abstracts must be submitted no later than **January 31, 2008 (May 1, 2008 for Research)**. **No late submissions will be accepted.**
- ❑ All abstracts submitted are subject to review by the Convention Committee. The Committee reserves the right to accept, reject and submit abstracts for inclusion in the Convention Proceedings Manual and CD-Rom.
- ❑ The presenter must be a registered attendee in order to attend the conference. The

presenter does not need to register if he or she does not intend to sit for other lectures during the conference.

- ❑ All presenters are responsible for their own expenses, including registration, travel, hotel and any other costs incurred by conference participation.
- ❑ The Convention Committee reserves the right to suggest co-presenters and to combine submissions.
- ❑ Submitters should be available to present during any of the four days of the convention, **August 13-16, 2008**, as sessions cannot be scheduled per individual requests.
- ❑ Presenters are responsible for the transport and storage of their presentation materials.
- ❑ It is the responsibility of the presenter to ensure accuracy of content, spelling and presentation. Abstracts and course notes will be published as submitted, subject to reformatting that may be required by the Convention Committee.
- ❑ Accepted abstracts may be published in the Proceedings Manual, the Convention website, and CD-ROM and other AANP print or electronic publications. All copyright will be transferred to the AANP. The Convention Committee reserves the right to reformat abstracts to ensure publication uniformity.
- ❑ All speakers must provide information on any conflict of interest and make aware any affiliation or financial interest that may affect the speaker's presentation.

### **Formatting and Submission**

Font must be Times New Roman, size 11 point. All typing should be single-spaced. All margins (top, bottom, left and right) must be set to 1 inch. Abstracts should be formatted in Microsoft Word, Mac Word or as a .pdf file.

Abbreviations may be used only after first defining the term (list term in full when first mentioned, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses). Use generic names for medicines and Latin names for medicinals. Write numbers as numerals rather than words.

Tables, figures, literature references and acknowledgements should not form any part of the abstract's content.

Abstracts must be submitted via email to the conference planners at [AANPabstracts@sync-opate.com](mailto:AANPabstracts@sync-opate.com). Please type "AANP Call for Abstracts" in the Subject section of your email. Faxed or posted abstracts will not be considered.

#### Abstract Specifications

- 1) Contact Information
  - a) Name<sup>1</sup>
  - b) Degrees
  - c) Name as it should appear published with associated titles

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<sup>1</sup> For multiple presenters and panel discussions, please list the names of all presenters and submit contact information for one person only.

- d) Companies and affiliations (if applicable)
  - e) AANP membership: Yes or No
  - f) Address, City, State and Zip Code
  - g) Day time telephone
  - h) Fax number
  - i) Email address
- 2) The abstract is being submitted for (choose one)
    - a) Oral Presentation (indicate preference of 60 or 90 minutes)
    - b) Workshop
    - c) Research Presentation
    - d) Poster Presentation
  - 3) If you would like your presentation to be considered for one of our 3 tracks, indicate
    - a) Oncology Track
    - b) Corporate Sponsored Research
    - c) Clinical practice
  - 4) Presentation title
  - 5) Abstract<sup>2</sup>. Please include
    - a) Educational objectives
    - b) Presentation outline
    - c) Mention of whether or not pharmacy discussion will occur during the presentation
    - d) Target audience (e.g. medical practitioner, researcher, scientist, policy maker, student, general audience, etc)
    - e) Research abstracts should include objective, method, results, and discussion
  - 6) Biographical sketch<sup>3</sup>

There is no limit to the number of abstracts one may submit.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Convention should be kept in mind when writing the abstract. Sub-specialty jargon should be avoided. If accepted, the abstract will be published in the Convention Proceedings.

## Technical Information

The podia in the Convention Hall will be equipped with laptop computers, LCD projectors, and screens for your use. You are required to bring your presentation (as a Microsoft PowerPoint file) to the Speaker Preparation Room the day before or no later than 4 hours prior to your presentation. Flash drive or CD is the suggested method for the transfer. There will be no possibility for overhead slide presentation (projection of transparencies). Technicians will be able to provide you with assistance and will load your presentation onto the speakers' computer network.

For questions about the abstract submission process please email Rebecca Takemoto, [rtakemoto@sync-opate.com](mailto:rtakemoto@sync-opate.com)

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<sup>2</sup> Not to exceed 250 words.

<sup>3</sup> Not to exceed 250 words per presenter. For multiple presenters, please submit a biographical sketch for each person. Please include degree-granting universities attended.

