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Dear Colleagues

Call for Abstracts – South African Spine Society Congress 2018

The South African Spine Society Congress will be held at the Elangeni Hotel in Durban from 24 - 26 May 2018.

The meeting will cover a diverse group of topics with renowned international guests sharing their expertise on the everyday challenges faced in spinal surgery and providing effective solutions for them.

We will also introduce several debates amongst experts to highlight the complexities of seemingly simple pathologies.

I do encourage every member to participate and attend the congress.

This is a call for abstracts to be submitted to: academic@saspine.org before **28 February 2018**.

The EXCO and I would like to extend an invitation to all our members and we look forward to seeing friends and colleagues in Durban.

Regards

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Congress Website

Updates will be posted on the SASS website at www.saspine.org Please check this website regularly

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES:

1. Abstracts should be emailed to: academic@saspine.org
2. Deadline for abstract submission is 28 February 2018
3. Abstracts should be typed single space, using 12 point Times New Roman font. Please leave 2.5 cm margins on all sides
4. Use a maximum of 300 words without editorial errors; proof read your abstract for typographic errors.
5. Type the title in CAPITAL letters, using no more than 3 (three) lines
6. The presenting author's name must be underlined
7. Indicate department and/or institution of first author, full address, contact details and email address
8. No fax or postal transmissions will be accepted

The academic coordinator will acknowledge receipt of all abstracts by email.

The committee will review all abstracts and the presenting author will be notified if the paper has been accepted for presentation.

All presenters of accepted abstracts must be registered as congress delegates

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

Scientific Abstracts:

Your scientific abstract must contain:

1. A descriptive title, list of authors and institutions
2. An introduction/rationale to the study
3. The methods used
4. The results of the study including new data not previously published or presented at a major national or international meeting
5. Conclusions of the study. It is not satisfactory to state: "The results will be discussed."

Abstracts reporting results of meta-analyses and systematic reviews will also be considered.

Case Reports:

Interesting and unique case reports will be considered for presentation. Each abstract should describe only a single case report. Case report abstracts must contain the following four components:

1. A descriptive title, list of authors and institutions;
2. An introduction
3. A description of the actual case report
4. A discussion of the novelty and importance of the specific case

ALL ABSTRACTS NOT MEETING THESE MINIMUM CRITERIA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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