

# ICRH's Young Investigators (YI) Forum



May 21 - 23, 2009

## ICRH Strategic Priorities

1. Obesity, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Complications.
2. Technology for diagnostic and therapeutic advances, including imaging technologies for early detection of disease.
3. Biomarkers for chronic disease, including genetic, proteomic and phenotypic markers for prevention, diagnosis and guidance for therapy.
4. Psychological, social, behavioral and environmental determinants of at risk behaviour for chronic disease, and means of effective interventions.
5. Sleep: circadian impact on respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, metabolism and obesity, and means of diagnosis, treatment and prevention.
6. Injury repair and inflammation: mechanisms leading to the development of chronic diseases – and its potential prevention.
7. Aging and the cardiorespiratory system: changing epidemiology, physiology and means to healthy aging and disease prevention.
8. Transplantation-regeneration-cell based therapies to effect cure rather than palliation, including relevant bioethics aspect.

## Poster Competition and Travel Award Process

Each abstract submission that meets the abstract guidelines (below) will qualify for a poster presentation at the YI Forum.

All submissions will be peer reviewed to qualify for the moderated poster session. The top abstracts in each of the four CIHR health research themes: **(1. Biomedical; 2. Clinical; 3. Health Services/Systems; and 4. Social, Cultural, Environmental and Population Health)** will qualify for the moderated poster session. Those who are chosen for a moderated poster will also be eligible for a travel award.

## Moderated Poster Session

During the moderated poster session a group of judges will visit each poster. Presenters chosen for the moderated poster must be at their poster to briefly summarize their poster and to discuss their work with the group of judges. The judges will then choose one poster from each track to make an oral presentation on the last day of the conference. All the moderated posters awardees prepare a 10 minute oral presentation prior to the conference in the event that they are chosen.

## Evaluation Criteria

1. **Relevance** - What is the degree of relevance of the research to the mandate of the ICRH?
2. **Scientific merit and ability to advance knowledge** - Does the abstract contain well defined aims, hypothesis, methods, results and conclusions? (**Note:** abstracts will be evaluated relative to career stage).
3. **Translation** - Has the applicant effectively written their abstract using plain language and simple terminology that is understandable to non-scientists?
4. **Impact** - Does the abstract clearly state the potential impact of the research?
5. **Oral and visual presentation of the Abstract** - (see abstract submission guidelines)

## Travel Awards

Those chosen for the moderated poster session will be eligible for a travel award. Please indicate on the Abstract Submission Form if a travel award is needed.

The travel award will cover airline/train/car mileage, ground transportation and hotel accommodations. This does not include supplies or poster costs, meals or any other expenses.

The award covers travel only up to \$1,500.00 and are given on a reimbursement basis. You must keep all boarding passes and receipts. Reimbursement cannot be made without boarding passes and original receipts.

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## Abstract Submission Form

Please click here to submit your abstract:

[www.f2fe.com/callforabstracts\\_yiforum](http://www.f2fe.com/callforabstracts_yiforum)

All abstracts must be identified as falling into one of the four "tracks" based on CIHR themes. Please be sure to indicate which track you would like your abstract to be considered:

1. **Biomedical;**
2. **Clinical;**
3. **Health Services / Systems;** and
4. **Social, Cultural, Environmental / Population Health**

Also indicate in the research area from the **ICRH** mandate (cardiovascular health, respiratory health, blood and blood vessels, stroke, critical/intensive care, or sleep); please be sure to check one category that best describes your work.

## The Abstract Body

The summary must be written in the font face: Times New Roman (style normal, size 11). There is a **limit of 400 words** for the entire text of your abstract, including title, names of authors and all institutions/affiliations.

The abstract should include the following information in the order described below:

- ✦ **Title:**
- ✦ **CIHR health research theme:**
- ✦ **Names of authors:** enter the first name or initial, middle initial, and last name for each author. Author names should be separated by a comma.
- ✦ **Institutions/affiliations:** enter each institution/affiliation only once. Each author must be assigned a primary institution.
- ✦ A brief statement of the **purpose** of the study.
- ✦ A statement of the **method(s)** used.
- ✦ A summary of the **results** presented in sufficient detail to support conclusions.
- ✦ The **conclusion and impact** of the study.

## Please note the following:

- ✦ One abstract only can be submitted by each investigator.
- ✦ The submitting author will be designated as the presenting author.
- ✦ The submitted abstract should be new and original work.
- ✦ Accepted abstracts will be invited to participate in one of two "**Moderated Poster Sessions**". Posters will be judged for excellence by a committee, including ICRH Advisory Board members and Forum presenters.
- ✦ Posters will be organized according to the four CIHR themes (**biomedical, clinical, health systems and services, and population and public health**).
- ✦ A pre-determined number of awards will be given to top presenters in each of the four "**tracks**" (the number of awards per category may vary depending on number of **presenters and submissions in each theme**).

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

One of the five evaluation criteria for abstracts is how effectively the abstract is written to communicate to a lay audience. To accommodate Trainees and New Investigators from different disciplines and backgrounds, your abstract **must be written** in non-scientific, everyday language as much as possible (i.e., level no greater than Grade 10). Use analogies, simplifications and generalizations rather than scientific and technical terms.

For more information on how to write in lay language, visit:

<http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/open-competitions/competition-faqs.html#6E>

(**Note:** the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada will recognize the top three lay summaries submitted with a special award at the YI Forum).

## Submitting your Abstracts

Please contact **Sally Cleford**, Event Manager at: [sally@f2fe.com](mailto:sally@f2fe.com) or by phone - Direct Line (613) 882-6697, Local (613) 288-9239.

For more information about the program, speakers and networking event, we invite you to visit our website regularly at:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/37949.html>