March 8th 2012

THIRD CALL FOR PAPERS.
23rd Annual Congress
Wednesday July 11th – Saturday July 14th, 2012

You are invited to submit papers for 15 minutes oral or poster presentation, at our 23rd annual OSWI Congress in conjunction with the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology 20th Regional Course, July 2012, Trinidad, West Indies.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 13TH 2012

Please submit title, abstract and a brief CV. This will allow adequate time for the conference committee to screen papers offered and to provide you with a preliminary program by March 31st 2012.

Venue: Hyatt Regency, Trinidad.

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Guidelines for abstract submission.

Abstract should be not more than 250 words, typewritten double-spaced on a sheet of paper 8½” x 11” in size. It should follow the format of abstracts published in Medical Journals e.g. West Indian Medical Journal, American Journal of Ophthalmology. It should contain the name and address of each author.

The abstract should be factual and not descriptive and should be self-contained and understandable without reference to the text. It should contain the objective of the study unless this is given in the title, a succinct statement of the methods, a summary of the results (in tabular form if convenient), and a brief statement of the conclusion in one sentence.

The abstract SHOULD NOT CONTAIN subtitles (e.g. Methods, Results), concluding promises such as “the results will be discussed” or “other data will be presented”. Below the abstract, provide and identify as such 3 to 10 key words or phrases that will assist in cross-indexing your paper. Use terms from the Medical Subject Headings list from Index Medicus whenever possible.

OSWI / Abstract 2012
ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM

PART 1 Please clearly print or type information, as it should appear on program. Typewritten abstract should be attached to this form.

Name (first) __________________________________________________
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PART 2 Check appropriate box:

☐ Oral   ☐ Poster   ☐ Either   ☐ Do not consider for poster

PART 3 The author affirms that the material submitted has not been previously published or presented at any national or international meeting; any experimentation has been conducted according to a protocol approved by the institutional committee on ethics or, if no such committee exists, that it conforms with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association (Clinical Research 14:193, 1966). The undersigned also certifies that all authors named in the abstract have agreed to its submission for presentation at The Twenty Third O.S.W.I. Congress in conjunction with the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology Twentieth Regional Course in Trinidad, July 11-14, 2012.

Author’s Signature ___________________________ Date _________________
March 8th 2012

TO: SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS

RE: OSWI/PAAO 2012

In order to expedite and ensure a comprehensive programme, kindly comply with the following:

1. Complete and submit your abstracts BEFORE the designated deadline March 13th 2012. Due to the geographical distribution of the Programme coordinators, ample time is needed to prepare a functional outline and complete a Final Draft by the stated deadline.

2. Kindly take special care in preparing the presentation to remain within the time limits as designated. This is essential to the proper progression of the conference. Discussions will be held at the conclusion of each session.

3. Please provide a short biography to accompany your abstract(s) for the convenience of the Chairperson and the participants.

4. Review of the objectives of OSWI Programmes:
   - To update participants – selected topics pertinent to and of special interest in the region
   - To promote Continuing Medical Education for all the Ophthalmologists in the region.
   - To foster closer ties (academic and social) between ophthalmologist in the region
   - To influence the trend of Ophthalmology in the West Indies.

1. As OSWI is an inclusive organization, your ideas and suggestions are always welcome and respected.

As always our sincerest appreciation for your contribution.

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Room Rates

Single Occupancy: USD$169.00 per night – This includes Buffet Breakfast at the Waterfront Restaurant

Double Occupancy: USD$189.00 per night – This includes Buffet Breakfast at the Waterfront Restaurant.

Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable taxes and service charges in effect in Trinidad and Tobago, which are currently twenty-one percent (21%) or applicable taxes and service charges in effect in Trinidad and Tobago at the time of the meeting.

Room rate will be valid for 2 days pre and post stays.

- Children up to 18 years can stay with parents without a charge
- Buffet Breakfast is complimentary for children under 5 years
- 50% off buffet breakfast for children between the ages of 5-12 years
- Full restaurant price for children over 12 years.
- The maximum number of persons per room – 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 18
- The maximum number of persons (adults) per room will be 3 persons. There will be an additional cost of USD$30.00 per night for the 3rd adult.

Room rates will be valid for two (2) days Pre and Post conference stays.

Reservation Method:

Hyatt Regency Trinidad currently utilizes Passkey web based reservations. This complimentary service is offered by the Hyatt Regency Trinidad to provide attendees with an electronic reservations interface that is customized for our event.

A dedicated booking website has been created for our event so that you will be able to make, modify and cancel your hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel.

For online bookings log on to:
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=8328441&utm_source=62716&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10830540 You will need to use the OSWI/PAAO group code which is “G-OSLR”

Reservations can also be made by calling the Hyatt’s Reservation line at 1 (868) 623-2222 or 1 (800) 233-1234 referring to the group and meeting name.
Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation for individual bookings must be made 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a no show charge of night.

Cut-off date:

The “cut-off date is June 30th 2012. Reservations made after this time will not be at the conference rate and subject to availability.