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Competent Medical Education

Optimum health system

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3rd International Medical Education CONGRESS

**Iraq, Kerbala
25 September, 2016**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!

Important Dates to Remember:

Abstract Submission Opens.....May 20, 2016
Abstract Submission DeadlineJuly 28, 2016
Abstract Notifications Emailed to Presenters..... August 28, 2016
Presenter Registration Deadline.....August 28, 2016
Presentation Numbers Emailed to Presenters..... August 28, 2016

To Submit your Abstract:

Please follow the abstract submission instructions. Any questions may be directed to the NHHCF Meetings Department at:

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WELCOME!

The 3rd International Medical Education congress with title (**Competent Medical Education is a Base for Optimum Health System**) by **College of Medicine / University of Kerbala, Kerbala, Iraq** and **Nab'a Al-Hayat Foundation for Medical Sciences and Health Care** will take place **September 25, 2016**. This Congress will provide scientists and researchers throughout the world with the opportunity to present, discuss and critique their investigations. If you are involved in medicine, medical sciences fields, medical education research, we urge you to submit an abstract for consideration for presentation.

Members of the Scientific Committee have designed a conference that will provide first-hand information on recent research developments and breakthroughs, current and future trends and will additionally provide an ideal opportunity for international exchange and networking. The oral and poster sessions will be designed from accepted abstracts.

A large majority of congress are in these subjects:

- A. **Assessment and evaluation.**
- B. **Curriculum development.**
- C. **Faculty development.**
- D. **Student selection & development.**
- E. **Learning environment.**

History:

Kerbala (Arabic: كربلاء; *Kerbalā'*; also referred to as *Kerbalā' al-Muqaddasah*) is a city in Iraq, located about 100 km (62 mi) southwest of Baghdad. Kerbala is the capital of Kerbala Governorate, and has an estimated population of 1,250,000 people.

The city, best known as the location of the **Battle of Kerbala** (680), is believed to be the holiest city for **Shia Muslims** after **Mecca, Medina (K.S.A)** and the noble sanctuary in **Al-Quds** because **tens of millions** of Shia Muslims visit the site **twice a year**, which is more than the total Muslims visitors of Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem combined.

Kerbala is home to the **Imam Hussein Shrine** and his brother **Al-Abbas Shrine**. Kerbala is famous as the site of the martyrdom of Hussein ibn Ali A.S. (Imam Husain), and commemorations are held by millions of Shias annually to remember it. Kerbala is considered sacred by Shias and rivals Mecca as a place of pilgrimage.

The **University of Kerbala** is a university located in the city of Kerbala, Iraq.

At the present time, **College of Medicine at University** of Kerbala, is one of the most dynamic and well-equipped instructional and research academic centers in Iraq.

The college adopted the **Integrated Medical Education** program since 2013 and used the **“Problem-Based Learning”** style for applying the program.



ABSTRACT RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Individuals may present **only one abstract** (excluding Symposia and Keynote Speakers).
2. Projects being submitted must be **Original Research**.
3. Submitters may NOT split one study into several papers, as they may be asked to combine for review.
4. Individuals can co-author multiple abstracts.
5. Presenter must disclose any personal or co-author potential conflict of interest and agree to the [NHHCF Policy on Full Disclosure](#) along with the [JOCMS Abstract Licensing Policy](#) during submission. (* NHHCF = Abbreviation of Nab'a Al-Hayat Foundation, JOCMS = Abbreviation of Journal of Contemporary Medical Sciences)
6. Previously published abstracts (in print or any electronic format) or those presented at another meeting are not allowed.
7. Authors of presentations later proven to contain previously published material will be sanctioned and may be prohibited from presenting at future meetings.
8. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reclassify submitted abstracts into the most appropriate area of review.
9. Abstracts must be submitted via the online abstract submission site or by meeting email.
10. You must receive the approval of all co-authors before putting their names on the abstract.
11. There will not be an option for Late-Breaking News Abstracts.
12. There will not be an abstract replacement period.
13. **Abstracts are reviewed as submitted by the abstract deadline of July 28, 2016. Abstracts in Draft will not be reviewed for inclusion in the scientific program. Presenters are not permitted to modify their abstracts after this date for purposes of this review.**

Presenter Agreement

All presenters must agree to the following conditions when submitting an abstract:

1. Affirm that any work with human or animal subjects reported in the abstract complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures found in the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association, and this research project has been duly cleared by my Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Ethics Committee or an equivalent ethical body.
2. Affirm that the work has **not** been published (in print or electronically) or presented elsewhere.
3. Agree that if the abstract is accepted, NHHCF has permission to publish the abstract in printed and/or electronic formats.

NHHCF Abstract Licensing Policy

By submitting an abstract to NHHCF, and in consideration for the opportunity to be included in NHHCF's presentations, the author of the abstract hereby provides to NHHCF a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use the abstract in NHHCF's publications and materials. To the extent that NHHCF incorporates an abstract in a collection or compilation of materials, including but not limited to any publication of meeting abstracts or an online, searchable collection of abstracts, the author acknowledges and agrees that NHHCF shall own all right, title and interest in and to such collections and compilations including any copyrights to said collections and compilations.

NHHCF Full Disclosure Policy

NHHCF seeks to provide participants in its education sessions with current, scientifically-based information relevant to Medical Sciences, Medical Sciences research, the practice of medicine and dentistry of the public. Once a presenter is selected for a particular topic, NHHCF makes no attempt to control the content of the presentation or the content of any submitted abstract. Therefore, in submitting an abstract for presentation and publication, a presenter represents and warrants to NHHCF that any intellectual property associated with or contained in the content of the abstract or presentation is owned by the presenter or the presenter is authorized to use said content along with any applicable intellectual property associated with the content.

A presenter may be required by NHHCF to provide adequate written assurance that the presenter is authorized to use the content of the abstract or presentation. In the event NHHCF requests such written assurance and the presenter fails to provide the requested documentation, the presenter may be denied the ability to make the presentation. For any abstract or presentation, the presenter and any applicable co-authors of the content must be identified by full name and any affiliation. The presenter also has received the approval from the co-author(s) to have their name(s) associated with the abstract and its content prior to submission.

Presenter Changes

If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to name a substitute presenter, please use the following guidelines:

- The Presenting Author is the only author that may request a presenter change.
- Substitute presenter must be a co-author.
- Substitute presenter must **NOT** be presenting another abstract at the meeting.

- Substitution requests must be made **PRIOR** to the meeting.
- Failure to follow the above procedures may result in the presenter being charged the full registration fee and/or not being allowed to present at a future meeting.

Withdrawal of Abstracts

The following are the guidelines for withdrawing abstracts:

- You may withdraw your abstract at any time until July 28, 2016, with notifying NHHCF by email from the same email that you used in the first time.
- Withdrawal requests must be received **PRIOR** to the start of the meeting.
- Lack of travel funds is **NOT** an acceptable excuse for withdrawing an abstract from the meeting.
- Failure to follow the above procedures may result in the presenter being charged the full registration fee and/or not being allowed to present at a future meeting.

PREPARING TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

All abstracts must be submitted online or by email of the meeting. Each completed submission is peer-reviewed for its scientific content by Scientific Group/Network Abstract Reviewers and Group Program Chairs.

Important Submission Elements

1. **Scientific Group/Network:** All abstracts must be submitted to an appropriate Scientific Group/Network category for review based on the scientific content of the abstract. A large majority of abstracts are in these subjects :
 - F. Assessment and evaluation.
 - G. Curriculum development.
 - H. Faculty development.
 - I. Student selection & development.
 - J. Learning environment.
2. **Titles:** Abstract titles are limited to 10 words or less. The title should be dynamic and conclusive, rather than descriptive, and should be entered in title case format, AP format. In general, you should capitalize the first letter of each word unless it is a preposition or article. Titles should not be bold.
3. **Authors:** Each author should be added separately to the submission to ensure proper listing. Enter first (given) name, and last (family/surname) name for each author plus institution/affiliation. Please do not list the department/branch in the institution/affiliation field. One person must be identified as the presenting author. The order of the authors can be modified at any time prior to the abstract deadline. **NHHCF will not list each author's department in the Program Book due to space limitations.**
4. **Abstract Text:** All abstracts should be 300 words or less. When composing your text, be sure to use a word processor in order to save your abstract in advance. You should not write your abstract into the online form in case for any reason your internet connection is lost. Do not include your title or authors in the abstract text - these items will be collected separately. Do not include references. If the abstract is based on research that was funded entirely or partially by an outside source, then be sure to enter the appropriate information (funding agency and grant number if applicable) when prompted during submission. You do not need to re-enter the information with your abstract text. However, all external funding **MUST ALSO BE** included in the presentation if accepted. Tables are permitted but should be simple and concise. Graphics/images are not recommended unless they are integral to the abstract and should be limited to no more than 1 or 2.

5. **Special Characters:** Special characters in the title or body of the abstract or in the co-author's names or affiliations should be entered into the system using formatting functions in the submission system.

Content of the Abstract: Titles, authors and authors' affiliations are not included in the 300 word limit (references are not collected by NHHCF). The abstract must contain a brief statement of:

- a. The objectives of the investigation,
- b. Experimental methods used,
- c. Essential results, including data and, where appropriate, statistics, d. Conclusion

6. **Other Items:** the following information should be submitted:

- **Keywords:** All abstract submissions may select up to 5 keywords from a list. Two keywords are required. Keywords should be selected from Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) to be used for indexing of articles. See: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html> for information on the selection of key words.
- **Contact Information:** **NHHCF will only correspond with the presenting author listed on the abstract regardless of who may have submitted the abstract.** Thus, make sure to include a correct email address/phone number for the presenting author. If the presenting author relocates before the Congress deadline (28 July, 2016), please be sure to notify the [NHHCF Meetings Department](#) with the new information.

Systematic Review Abstracts

NHHCF will accept the submission of Systematic Review Abstracts. Systematic Reviews are defined as, “a review of a clearly formulated question that uses systematic and explicit methods to identify, select and critically appraise relevant research, and to collect and analyze data from the studies that are included in the review. Statistical methods (meta-analysis) may or may not be used to analyze and summarize the results of the included studies. The aim is to ensure a review process that is comprehensive and unbiased. Findings from systematic reviews may be used to determine research priorities and/or provide the scientific basis for clinical treatment.”

Common Abstract Submission Mistakes

- Failure to state objective and conclusion.
- Failure to state sample size and data.
- Excessive use of abbreviations.
- Excessive use of commercial product names.
- Typographical errors (remember that you can't change any of your text after the abstract deadline).
- Writing your abstract at the last minute (this increases stress and leads to errors).
- Work that is duplicative is not well received and you will only be asked to combine with another abstract or your abstract may not be accepted.

Make sure to show your abstract to a colleague prior to submission to avoid making common mistakes, or if you feel you may benefit from English language assistance please submit your abstract for English Help Team of NHHCF.

CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE

Presentations will be selected for the program on the basis of the scientific quality of the work as judged from the abstract. An impartial panel of reviewers

(Three persons per Group/Network) will evaluate the content of each abstract. Selection of the abstracts will be made by these reviewers and by the Scientific Committee, whose decision is final.

The following are the evaluation criteria used in the review of abstracts. This is provided to call your attention to points that will be considered. In the final analysis, it will be the reviewers' judgment of the value of any abstract that will determine whether the abstract should appear on the program. Since the abstracts are published and become part of the world's scientific literature, it is important that the content be scientifically sound and grammatically correct. Each abstract is reviewed so that high standards can be ensured.

Common reasons for rejection are:

1. Abstract is not original research.

2. The research is not innovative in its approach to the stated problem (methodology or data collection or analysis or data interpretation).
3. Nature of problem not explicit from either title or abstract.
4. Material too closely related to another abstract submitted by the same co-authors; should have been combined into a single paper.
5. Abstract has been presented at other meeting(s) or previously published.
6. Abstract poorly organized and/or not complete. Required information not given in abstract:
 1. Objective
 2. Methods
 3. Results – data and statistical analysis, or
 4. Conclusions
7. Methods of obtaining data not appropriate with respect to the stated problem for the following reasons:
 1. Methods not sufficiently precise to permit the measurements to be accurate, i.e., variations are within the error limits for the method.
 2. Sampling method contains inherent discriminatory factors not recognized.
 3. Size of sample insufficient to show significant conformity or differences.
 4. No well-defined criteria given for evaluation of variables.
 5. Choice of controls questionable.
 6. No control groups reported.
8. Significance of results related to the nature of the problem being studied is not stated.
9. Conclusions do not necessarily follow as a consequence of the method of analysis applied to the data.
10. Conclusions not adequately qualified, i.e., conclusions have greater limitations than implied by the author.
11. Correlations suggested may be fortuitous insofar as no plausible cause-and-effect relation has been suggested, and none is obvious.
12. Abstract is not in English.

NOTIFICATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE/NON-ACCEPTANCE

The official notifications will be emailed on or about **August 31, 2016 to all accepted presenters**. The notifications will include presentation mode assignment (oral or poster), date, and session time. An email containing your Final Presentation # will be sent to all registered, accepted presenters.

PLEASE NOTE: All communication between NHHCF and the presenter will take place via email. The email address used will be the one you supply when submitting your abstract for the PRESENTING AUTHOR. Please make sure that you enter a valid, long-term email address so that you will receive all important notices that are sent from NHHCF regarding your abstract and presentation at the meeting.

After **August 31, 2016**, the placement or rejection of your abstract cannot be changed and is considered final. Please do not call **NHHCF** regarding the status of your abstract prior to this date.

MODES OF PRESENTATION

At the time of submission, you will be asked to select your preferred mode of presentation. However, not all requests can be accommodated and the final mode of your abstract will be selected by the applicable Group Program Chair. If you only want to be considered for a poster presentation in the Exhibit Hall, please indicate this by marking the appropriate choice on the title step of abstract submission.

The Congress will include presentations in the following modes:

Oral Presentation:

- Up to six individual oral presentations in a meeting room.
- PowerPoint Presentations (all equipment provided).
- Presentations last 10 minutes; discussion after each presentation lasts five minutes.
- Two Session Chairs facilitate the session.
- Oral sessions will be scheduled Sunday through Sunday.

Poster Presentation:

- Presented on a poster board in the Exhibit Hall.
- Actual poster presentation time is one hour and 15 minutes.
- Posters will be available for viewing all day on Sunday.
- No audio-visual equipment is used.
- Poster sessions will be scheduled Sunday through Sunday.
- Session Chairs will be assigned to facilitate the session.

ACCEPTED AND PRESENTED ABSTRACTS

Accepted and presented abstracts become part of a special online-only issue of the ***Journal of Contemporary Medical Sciences***, the journal for medical sciences research. Accepted and presented **Meeting Abstracts** are citable. The ***Journal of Contemporary Medical Sciences*** follows the [International Committee of Medical Journal Editors](#) recommendations regarding the conduct, reporting, editing and publication of scholarly works and these recommendations are applied to meeting abstracts to the extend practical and possible.