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Obesity Society Announces 2009 Call for Abstracts

Society Plans for its 27th Annual Scientific Meeting, Obesity 2009, in Washington DC, October 24-28 and Releases Details of New Abstract Submission Process for 2009

Silver Spring, MD – This week, The Obesity Society, the leading professional and scientific organization dedicated to the study of obesity, opened its 2009 call for abstracts to be submitted for this year's annual scientific meeting, which will be held in Washington, DC, October 24-28, 2009, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The society also announced details of a new abstract submission process.

The Obesity Society's Annual Scientific Meeting is the largest conference in North America focusing on obesity research, prevention, treatment, and management. The five-day meeting offers an outstanding program of internationally celebrated speakers who present novel and exciting research in basic and clinical obesity science. The meeting also features a clinical-professional track offering educational credits for physicians, nurses, and dietitians. These educational sessions discuss how to establish an obesity practice and how to successfully evaluate and treat patients using behavior modification, diet, activity, pharmacotherapy, and bariatric procedures.

Abstracts for Obesity 2009 are organized into the following thematic tracks relating to obesity:

- Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Integrative Biology
- Clinical Studies
- Population Studies
- Clinical/Professional Practice

According to Jack Yanovski, MD, PhD, Chair of the Annual Program Committee for the society, "The Obesity Society's Annual Meeting is one of the best venues for presenting new clinical and basic obesity science." In fact, over 8 percent of submitted abstracts are selected as oral presentations, and Dr. Yanovski emphasized, "For young investigators submitting excellent abstracts, The Obesity Society's

Ethan Sims Young Investigator Award and Pat Simons Travel Awards offer funds that support travel to the meeting.”

The annual meeting are features special-interest section meetings that concentrate on topical issues. Attendees are encouraged to attend those areas that interest them most, selecting from areas such as pediatric obesity, Prader Willi syndrome, bariatric surgery, epidemiology, health services research, clinical management, obesity and cancer, and young investigators.

This year the society took the opportunity to completely revise the online system by which abstracts are submitted and reviewed. The new submission site opened as scheduled on Monday, February 2nd and several obesity researchers have already used the site to submit their abstracts.

In 2008, the society received a record number of abstract submissions and more than 950 were accepted for oral or poster presentation. All accepted abstracts will be published online, as well as in print. Abstracts, if selected, will be for oral or poster presentation.

All abstracts should be submitted to: <http://www.obesity.org/obesity2009/> . The deadline for submission is midnight EST April 17, 2009

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The Obesity Society (www.obesity.org) is the leading scientific organization dedicated to the study of obesity. Since 1982, The Obesity Society has been committed to encouraging research on the causes and treatment of obesity, and to keeping the medical community and public informed of new advances. The Obesity Society's vision is to be the leader in understanding, preventing and treating obesity and in improving the lives of those affected. The Obesity Society's membership reached 2,000 basic and clinical researchers, who have published extensively, and care providers in obesity treatment and prevention.

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