

First Call for Abstracts

Anaerobe 2012

The 11th Biennial Congress of the
Anaerobe Society of the Americas

San Francisco, California USA ♦ June 27-July 1, 2012

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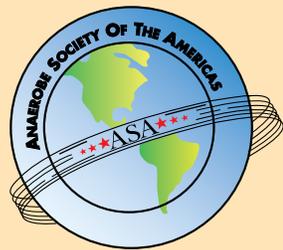
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The Anaerobe Society of the Americas (ASA) hosts its 11th Biennial Congress—**Anaerobe 2012**—June 27–July 1, 2012 in San Francisco, California USA. Researchers and practitioners from around the world are invited to attend and participate in this Congress to engage in presentations, exchanges, and dialogue on issues related to the study of anaerobes. The Congress will consist of invited speakers, oral presentations, and poster presentations.

The **Anaerobe 2012** Program Committee invites research and clinical papers of high quality for both Oral and Poster Presentations. Abstract submissions will be peer-reviewed for quality, scientific content, and logical presentation.

Anaerobe 2012 Congress takes place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco, CA. Situated in Union Square, the hotel is a short distance to the tourist attractions, restaurants, and retail stores of America's favorite city.

Pre-Congress Anaerobic Microbiology Workshop

Wednesday, June 27–Thursday June 28, 2012 — A 2-day, hands-on workshop at the University of Santa Clara on *Anaerobic Identification and Susceptibility Techniques*.

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Friday, June 29–Sunday July 1, 2012 — General and Poster Presentations, Industry Exhibits

Friday, June 29, 2012 — Wine and Cheese Reception

Saturday, June 30, 2012 — Congress Dinner and Awards

Important Dates

December 31, 2011 — Oral Abstract Submission Deadline

February 3, 2012 — Poster Abstract Submission Deadline

May 25, 2012 — Early Registration Deadline



FOR ADDITIONAL CONGRESS INFORMATION:

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Topics

- Emerging and Endemic Pathogens and Diseases
- Prebiotics, Probiotics, and Synbiotics
- Microbiota: Ecology, Inflammatory Bowel, and Other Diseases
- Bacteriology
- Diagnostic and Molecular Technologies
- Pathogenesis and Virulence Factors
- Clostridium spp.*: Health and Disease
- Bacteroides spp.*: Health and Disease
- Bioterrorism and Public Health
- Oral and Dental Diseases
- Animal and Veterinary Diseases
- Environmental Microbiology
- Antimicrobial Resistance Surveys and Mechanisms
- New Antimicrobials

Abstract Submission

The presenting author should submit the abstract. The presenting author needs to provide the contact information on the Abstract Submission Form and indicate a preference of oral or poster presentation. Communications will be made with the presenting author only.

Accepted abstracts will be assigned as oral presentations (limited to 10 minutes) or poster presentations (presentation format will be detailed on acceptance). By submitting an abstract, the presenting author agrees that, if accepted, the paper will be presented as assigned.

Abstract Format

Abstracts must be in English and will be published exactly in the form and condition submitted by author. Abstracts are limited to 2400 characters including spaces, title and authors.

The header should include (1) the entire title capitalized—do not use abbreviations; (2) authors listed as surname followed by first and middle initials, with an asterisk after the presenting author's name (outside punctuation); and (3) affiliation, stating institution, city, state/province, and country (if authors are from multiple institutions, use superscripted numbers to indicate authors' affiliations). Separate the title from the authors with a blank line; separate affiliation from the text with a blank line. See sample on the Abstract Submission Form below.

Abstracts should include the following:

- ◆ A statement of the purpose (preferably one sentence).
- ◆ Summary of methods and results (presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusion). Do not include tables or figures in abstracts, though they are encouraged in presentations and posters.
- ◆ Statement of conclusion reached, supported by results.

Guidelines for Submission

All abstracts must be submitted in English in WORD

Format as an attachment to an email sent to: asa@anaerobe.org

The first page of the submission should include all the information requested on the Abstract Submission Form.

Multiple abstracts can be submitted on separate following pages. Abstracts are limited to 2400 characters including spaces, title, and authors.

Abstract Deadline

The deadline for Oral Abstract Presentation is December 31, 2011. Notice of acceptance will be emailed to the submitting author by February 1, 2012. Abstracts not accepted for Oral Presentation will be assigned to Poster Presentations.

The deadline for Poster Presentations is February 3, 2012. Notice of acceptance will be emailed to submitting author by March 1, 2012.

Acceptance Awards

Abstracts accepted for Oral Presentation will have the basic registration fee (dinner ticket excluded) waived for the presenter (one presenter per accepted paper).

Best Abstract will be selected from among the Poster Presentations and awarded the *Finegold Award*, to be announced at the Congress Banquet.

Depending on funding, limited *Travel and Accommodation Assistance Grants* may be available. To apply, check box on submission form and include a statement of need with abstract submission.

Young Investigator's Awards

Graduate and Undergraduate Students are encouraged to enter the *Young Investigator's Competition*. Finalists will be chosen from submitted abstracts, and poster presentations will be judged at the Congress. Finalists will be given Congress Banquet Tickets, where the winners will be announced. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three presenters.

Abstract Submission Form

Submit the following information with Abstract submission.

Surname _____ First Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Presentation Preference: Oral Poster Wish to enter *Young Investigator's Competition* (attach evidence of student status)

Wish to apply for *Travel & Accommodation Assistance Grant* (submit statement of need)

Sample Abstract:

See *Submission Guidelines* for delivery instructions.

Abstract Submission Deadlines

Oral: December 31, 2011

Poster: February 3, 2012

THE INTERNATIONAL ANAEROBE QUALITY ASSURANCE SCHEME (IAQAS)

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A voluntary quality assurance scheme for anaerobe reference laboratories or laboratories specializing in working with anaerobic bacteria from clinical origin has been established. Participants in Cardiff, Los Angeles, Edinburgh and Helsinki take turns in...