



GRAPPA Annual Meeting Trainees Symposium 2012

GRAPPA will offer a Trainees Symposium again this year during the Annual Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden on June 26 and June 27, 2012.

To be considered

- Trainees/Fellows must submit a 350 – 400 word abstract describing their work (see 'To Submit an Abstract' below.)
- Agree to create a poster and/or PowerPoint presentation*
- Be willing to travel to Stockholm for the GRAPPA Annual Meeting.

*Up to six Trainees will be invited to present an 8-to-10 -minute oral presentation, followed by 5 minutes of discussion, based on their abstract. Others will have an opportunity to describe their posters for 5 minutes during "poster breaks" at the meeting.

Abstracts must fall into one of these two categories:

- An abstract describing the results of or progress on a primary research project in PsA or PsO. The research is potentially of interest to both dermatologists and rheumatologists.

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- An abstract which summarizes a literature review of an issue of interest to both dermatologists and rheumatologists, and a proposal for a research project related to this issue which either could be carried out in the trainees center, or a broader setting such as a clinical registry or amongst GRAPPA centers . Literature review must be thorough and methodology should be described in some detail.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS IS SUNDAY, April 8, 2012

To determine who will have oral presentations and who will present posters only, a panel of senior GRAPPA members will rank the abstracts. Abstract submissions will be blinded to ensure panel objectivity.

GRAPPA's goal is to provide some financial support for participants to attend, in particular those chosen for oral presentations who cannot obtain local funding, e.g. from a grant or regional corporate support. We encourage both faculty nominating the trainees and the trainees themselves to seek local funding for travel expenses. There is no charge to attend any of the sessions, but GRAPPA encourages Trainees and their institutions and/or pharmaceutical grants to cover expenses wherever possible.

MEETING SCHEDULE

We begin with a reception the evening of Monday, June 25. Trainees are asked to have their posters up and on display no later than 8:30 on Tuesday morning, June 26. The GRAPPA Annual Meeting starts the morning of Tuesday, June 26 and runs through late afternoon on Wednesday, June 27. The Trainees Symposium will be first thing in the morning on Tuesday, from approximately 8:00 to 10:30 am.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

GRAPPA will pay for 2 nights lodging for accepted Trainees who have not found independent funding to support this expense. In some cases of transportation over a long distance (e.g., the far east/Australia/New Zealand) GRAPPA will pay for three nights lodging.

Trainees may either make their own transportation arrangements or use GRAPPA's travel agency to make arrangements. You are advised to hold off on making travel arrangements until you receive notice of acceptance into the program. GRAPPA will reimburse for flights or train travel up to \$500 (USD) for those traveling *from Europe*, up to \$1,500 for those *coming from the Americas* and up to \$2,000 for *those traveling from Asia, Australia and New Zealand*. Any amount above those limits will be the responsibility of the Trainee or his or her institution.

TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT:

- Send it in a Word document (limit 350 - 400 words - more is **not** better)
- The abstract should include a title, date submitted, name of trainee as first author, other authors, name of University and department, trainee mailing address, phone number, email address (es) and the name of the GRAPPA member recommending the trainees work. See an example below of how the first page of the abstract should look. ** If any of this information is omitted, the abstract will be returned for revision.*
- Send it with a cover note including complete contact information: Name of Trainee, Name of University and Department, Trainee street address (either at work or home), Phone number and Email address (es). Both the cover note and the abstract should include complete contact information in the order described. Two email addresses are preferred to ensure we are able to contact you.

Submissions should be emailed to Pam Love, GRAPPA Project Director at pamlove@grappanetwork.org ON or BEFORE SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012

Abstracts will be ranked by the end of April, at which time transportation arrangements should be made by those who are accepted. Trainees will also be provided with an online option for making GRAPPA hotel reservations at that time. Please note that, because of the increasing popularity of the GRAPPA Trainees Symposium, *there is no guarantee that all abstracts will be accepted for presentation*. If a score of "not recommended" is assigned, the author will still be invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Trainees Symposium but no GRAPPA travel support will be granted and there will not be an invitation to present a poster.

A sample of the front page format is shown below the signature in this message. Good luck, and please don't hesitate to ask Pam Love if you have questions.

Best Regards,

Pam Love, Project Director (pamlove@grappanetwork.org)
Christopher Ritchlin, Chair, GRAPPA Trainees Symposium
Philip Mease, President, GRAPPA

****Sample front page. Please follow this format:***

Psoriatic arthritis and pregnancy: a longitudinal study
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Thank you, and Good Luck!