



40th Annual Mid-South Conference on Communicative Disorders

Call for Papers

Proposal Deadline: August 7, 2009

The 40th Annual Mid-South Conference on Communicative Disorders will be held February 25 & 26, 2010, at the Hilton in East Memphis, Tennessee. The strong clinical focus of the conference attracts practicing professionals from throughout the United States as well as both graduate and undergraduate students in the field of communication disorders. The program committee encourages proposals at any level, focusing on clinical issues in audiology and speech-language pathology.

We welcome presentations related to all aspects of the diagnosis and habilitation/rehabilitation of clients with communication disorders. We encourage the participation of professionals from various fields to promote more effective teamwork in the process of diagnosing and treating clients. The format may be that of a mini-seminar, a poster presentation, student research forum, or grand rounds presentation.

Proposals should be received by August 7, 2009 and review decisions will be communicated to authors no later than September 1, 2009. **Submission of a proposal that is accepted is a commitment to pay registration fees and attend the conference.**

Mini-Seminar Presentation: Presentations are to be one and one-half hours long and may address any topic in the field of communication disorders and related areas. Use of power point is encouraged, and handouts should be turned in by January 15, 2009 to be included in the conference booklet, otherwise handouts will be the responsibility of presenters.

Poster Sessions: Poster presentations provide an opportunity for interaction between presenter and conference participants and are an excellent format for information that lends itself readily to display. The display should contain title, authors, statement of purpose and results. Posters should be no larger than 4' x 6.' Handouts may also be distributed, but will be the responsibility of the presenter.

Student Forum: Students are invited to present research and findings they have compiled for theses, special projects, or graduation requirements. Posters and 10-15 minute presentations are welcome. Some schools may allow this experience to substitute for an oral presentation requirement. All copies of handouts and materials will be the responsibility of the presenter.

Grand Rounds: Presenters are encouraged to explain an interesting or unique case encountered in various clinical settings. Disease, condition, etiology, treatments, and outcomes (if available) should be included.

Guidelines for submitting proposals

Send 3 hard copies or an electronic copy of each proposal including the following:

1. Title page with presenter's name(s), address, phone number, e-mail, title of presentation, and presentation format.
2. An abstract of the presentation (max 50 words). The abstract will appear in the convention brochure and will aid participants in selecting sessions.
3. A detailed summary of the presentation in narrative or outline form providing a clear explanation of the course content.
4. Learning outcomes must be included for both mini-seminar presentations and poster sessions. ASHA requires learning outcomes to be written in measurable and observable terms. Example and details can be found on the Mid-South link from the website.
5. Brief biographical vitae for each presenter (1-2 paragraphs max) with a listing of previous presentations on the same subject.
6. A list of audio-visual or computer needs for mini-seminars. (All rooms will be equipped with laptop, LCD projector, and VCR.)

Proposals and questions should be addressed by email or post to:

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