

American Federation for Medical Research  
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# Regional Meetings

# Call for Abstracts

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## Western Regional Meetings

**January 25-28, 2012**  
**Carmel, California**

Abstract Deadline:  
**October 3, 2011**

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## Southern Regional Meetings

**February 9-12, 2012**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

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## Abstract Deadlines and Meeting Dates

### Western Regional Meetings

Carmel, California

**MEETING DATES:**

January 25-28, 2012

**PLACE:**

Sunset Center  
San Carlos between 8th and 9th  
Carmel, California  
Phone: 831/624-3996

**ABSTRACT DEADLINE:**

**October 3, 2011**

**PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:**

CTS	California Thoracic Society
WAFMR	Western Section - American Federation for Medical Research
WAP	Western Association of Physicians
WSCI	Western Society for Clinical Investigation
WSPR	Western Society for Pediatric Research
WSMRF	Western Student Medical Research Forum and Residents Forum

**CLUB MEETINGS: \***

Carmel Cardiovascular Club  
Developmental Biology Club  
West Coast Endocrine Club  
Western Dymorphology Club  
Western Kidney Club  
Western Metabolism Club  
Western Perinatal Club

### Southern Regional Meetings

New Orleans, Louisiana

**MEETING DATES:**

February 9-12, 2012

**PLACE:**

InterContinental New Orleans  
444 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Phone: 504/525-5566

**ABSTRACT DEADLINE:**

**October 14, 2011**

**PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:**

APA	Academic Pediatric Association
SAFMR	Southern Section - American Federation for Medical Research
SSCI	Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
SSGIM	Southern Society for General Internal Medicine
SSPR	Southern Society for Pediatric Research

**CLUB MEETINGS: \***

Southern Allergy Club  
Southern Blood Club  
Southern Cardiovascular Club  
Southern Endocrine Club  
Southern Gut Club  
Southern Lung Club  
Southern Renal Club

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## Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the 2012 AFMR regional scientific meetings and meetings of other participating societies held in conjunction with these meetings. Included in the Call for Abstracts brochure is information unique to the Western and Southern regional meetings. Investigators may submit abstracts to any of the regional meetings regardless of the section or geographic area in which s/he resides. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form for each of the regional meetings which is found on the Internet at <http://wrm2012.abstractcentral.com> or <http://srm2012.abstractcentral.com>. It is **required of all abstract submitters** to fill out a CME Disclosure Form. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Regional Meetings please visit the AFMR website (<http://www.afmr.org>). **Please note: The abstract fee is separate from the registration fee.** You must also register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. It is REQUIRED that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 888-503-1050 / 434-964-4100 or email: [ts.acsupport@thomson.com](mailto:ts.acsupport@thomson.com). Technical Support Hours: 12:00 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday. If other questions arise, email [admin@medpubinc.com](mailto:admin@medpubinc.com) or call 734/699-1217 for assistance

### Information for Fellow Trainees and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

**WESTERN MEETING:** The Carmel AFMR Scholars Program at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel was created nine years ago to honor the academic contribution of junior physician scientists. Scholars who submit an abstract and receive a high score will present in a subspecialty session. Scholar award winners will be invited to a reception with their mentors where they will be given their award and have the opportunity meet physician-scientists with outstanding records for mentorship. A reception will be held Friday evening January 27, 2012 for the Fellow/Jr. Faculty and Mentors in an atmosphere that allows networking. We strongly encourage Fellows/Jr. Faculty to submit abstracts to the 2012 meeting.

**The Infectious Diseases subspecialty** encourages submission of mentor/mentee abstracts. Mentees are defined as fellows or junior faculty. Mentors are defined as assistant, associate, or professor rank faculty. Mentor/mentee presentations are scheduled in 30 minute blocks to include a 10 minute introduction by the mentor, 15 minute data presentation by the mentee, and 5 minutes of questions and answers.

**SOUTHERN MEETING:** Due to the success of the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum, we will continue this program in 2012 for Trainees. This will be held at the Hotel InterContinental on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 (one day prior to the Southern Regional Meeting). These postgraduate competitions are designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for Nephrology trainees (Fellows only). These competitions are also designed to create a subspecialty atmosphere for networking with other fellows. Those abstracts selected will receive reimbursement for travel, hotel, and registration expenses for the Forum and the Southern Regional Meeting. However, it is presumed that these abstracts will also be submitted to the Southern Regional Meeting. Fellows who are awarded an SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Award cannot also receive the SAFMR/SSCI travel award, but may apply. Please see [www.sscweb.org](http://www.sscweb.org) for further details regarding the SSCI Nephrology Forum Only. The Cardiovascular Club is offering its own program for cardiology trainees. There will be a separate check box on the submission form labelled Cardiovascular Case Report for this program. We will continue the successful Scholars Programs started in 2006. These programs give the awarded Scholars travel stipends to attend the meeting. They also provide for an awards dinner at which Scholars can interact with leaders in academic medicine and hear about the progression of their academic careers.



## Abstract Policies

**No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.**

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation (whether or not selected for presentation) will be published at the discretion of the Regional Program Committees. **The decisions of the Program Committees are final.** Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the deadline.
2. There will NOT be a Poster Only option this year for the Southern Meeting. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations.
3. AFMR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of **\$75.00** to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is **separate** from the registration fee. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa). **No checks or purchase orders will be accepted.**

4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see Clinical Research, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. Each abstract **must** comply with the following: 1) personal responsibility for assuring that, at the time of the meeting for which it is being considered, the material herein will not have been published or presented at any national meeting; (2) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it; (3) that any animal studies conform with the “Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals” of the American Physiological Society; (4) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (5) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and sent via email with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee and will not prejudice review of the abstract. **Exception for WSPR Members only:** The material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience like a subspecialty meeting, such that the material will be new to the broader audience of the Western meeting. A statement documenting that the material has been presented previously should be included in the conflict of interest disclosure described above.



## Abstract Procedures

### Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission. All users are considered New and must Create an Account.

1. For the **Western Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://wrm2012.abstractcentral.com>. For the **Southern Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://srm2012.abstractcentral.com>
2. The first step is to “Create an Account”. Information is not saved from one year to the next. Click on the “Create an Account” link in the left side bar menu. During account creation, please bear in mind:
  - A. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
  - B. Your e-mail address is the primary method of correspondence. All system e-mails and other notifications related to the meeting will be sent to this address. Please keep your e-mail address up-to-date!
  - C. The User ID and password that you create will be needed to log into the site after your account is created. Your User ID must be at least 6 characters long and can be a combination of letters and numbers. User ID and Password are case-sensitive.
  - D. The last step in creating your account is to request a “role.” For example, if you are requesting the “Abstract Submission” role, you need only check the box and you will receive the role automatically. You will then be able to submit an abstract by logging in, then clicking on the “Submission” tab at the top of the page. If you are not the presenter, you must have all of their information to complete the submission.
3. Once you have logged in using your User Name and Password, click on the Submission tab at the top of page, then on the “Create a New Submission” link located on the left-hand menu bar.
4. It is recommended that you step through the submission pages in a methodical manner, going page by page and filling in the information as you go along, beginning with **Step 1: Title/Body page**.
5. The title must be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in UPPERCASE letters. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in mixed case. **Abbreviations must not be used in the title.**
6. Do not include authors or institutions in the body of your abstract. Type or copy/paste each section of the abstract body into their respective fields. On Step 1: Title/Body page, the body of the abstract must be separated into the fields designated as: **Purpose of Study, Methods Used, Summary of Results, and Conclusions**, respectively.
7. You must complete the Disclosure Statement on **Step 2: Disclosures page**.
8. There is a limit of 2500 characters for the text of your abstract submission. This includes authors, institutions, tables, images, abstract title, abstract body, as well as all spaces.
9. You may add as many tables as you wish. However, each row in the table will deduct approximately 50 characters from the character limit of 2500 characters.
10. Please enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. Complete contact information must be entered for the Presenting Author and the Contact Author. Only name and email address are required for co-authors. If you (the Contact Author) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide full contact information on the Presenter.
11. Enter all department and institutional affiliations. Department is an optional field. Only three (3) institutional affiliations will be allowed per author. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.
12. Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting is displaying properly in your proof. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page by clicking on the page name in the sidebar menu, and make your corrections.
13. If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. In the case of missing items, you will be prompted to enter the missing information. When all required information is entered, click “Submit” to submit your abstract. **Payment is required to complete submission of the abstract.**

**Abstract Deadline:**  
**October 3, 2011**

# **Western Regional Meeting** **Sunset Center, Carmel, California**

**Meeting Dates:**  
**January 25-28, 2012**

The plenary session and registration for all attendees of the Carmel meeting will be held at the Sunset Center. Check in on-site when you arrive in Carmel. The program for 2012 has changed slightly, the meeting will begin on Thursday morning with Plenary Session I (award presentations) and subspecialty sessions Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. The WAP Symposium will be on Friday morning and Plenary Session II will be on Saturday morning. Highlights of the 2012 program are listed below.

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## **PLENARY SYMPOSIUM**

### **Regenerative Medicine**

**Thursday, January 26 and Saturday, January 28, 2012 ♦ 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Our invited speakers include: Eric Olson, UT Southwestern, Brent Polk, USC Keck School of Medicine, R. Paul Robertson, Swedish Medical Center, and Joseph Wu, Stanford University.

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## **WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS SYMPOSIUM**

### **Stem Cell Therapeutics for the Cardiovascular System - Hope or Hype**

**Friday, January 27, 2012 ♦ 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Our invited speakers include: Michael Laflamme, University of Washington, Eduardo Marban, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Doris Taylor, University of Minnesota.

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## **STATE OF THE ART TALKS**

There will be a state-of-the-art speaker for each of the subspecialty sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon.

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## **WELCOME RECEPTION AND STUDENT SUBSPECIALTY AWARD WINNER POSTER SESSION**

This year the Welcome Reception and Poster Session, including pizza and beer, will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm at the Carmel Women's Club. All attendees for the Carmel Meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## **CARMEL AFMR SCHOLARS AWARD RECEPTION**

**For Fellows and Jr. Faculty Awardees**

**Friday, January 27, 2012 ♦ 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE INVESTIGATORS**  
(Sessions will be held Friday and Saturday mornings)

**INVESTIGATOR WORKSHOPS**  
(Sessions will be held at lunch time on Thursday and Friday)

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## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

**DISCLOSURE POLICY:** It is the policy of the Center for Continuing Education at Tulane University Health Sciences Center to plan and implement all of its educational activities in accordance with the ACCME® Essential Areas and Policies to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor. In accordance with the ACCME® Standards for Commercial Support, everyone who is in a position to control the content of an educational activity certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* is required to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests within the past 12 months that create a real or apparent conflict of interest. Individuals who do not disclose are disqualified from participating in a CME activity. Individuals with potential for influence or control of CME content include planners and planning committee members, authors, teachers, educational activity directors, educational partners, and others who participate, e.g. facilitators and moderators. This disclosure policy pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers or other corporations whose products or services may be related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. Any real or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of the presentations must be resolved prior to the educational activity. Disclosure of off-label, experimental or investigational use of drugs or devices must also be made known to the audience.

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# Western Award Considerations

**Choose the appropriate award on the electronic submission form.**

- ◆ **Fellow and Junior Faculty Scholar Awards.** These awards will be presented to meritorious abstracts for selected subspecialties. **Please note that you do not need to select a box on the submission form for the Scholar Awards. The abstract will be chosen for an award based on score.**
  - ◆ **WAFMR Outstanding Investigator Award.** An outstanding investigator award will be presented by WAFMR for the outstanding abstract submitted by a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor level). Candidates for the award must be available the day of presentation at the 2012 Western Regional Meetings. Candidates are requested to submit the individual's curriculum vitae, a letter of nomination from their section/division chief or chair attesting to the significance of the work, and a copy of their abstract marked "COPY" by **October 3, 2011**. This information should be uploaded via the ScholarOne website when you submit your abstract.
  - ◆ **WSCI Outstanding Investigator Award.** This award will be given for distinguished research to an accomplished investigator. Names are solicited from the Chairs of Medicine. If you wish to recommend a candidate, please contact your department chair. Candidates for the awards must check this box on the electronic submission form in order to be considered. Applications should be sent by **October 3, 2011** to: Robb MacLellan, UCLA School of Medicine, MRL3-645, 675 C.E. Young Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90095-1760.
  - ◆ **Mayo Soley Award.** This award will be given to a senior investigator for life time achievement in the area of scientific endeavor and training of junior investigators. A nominating letter and two seconding letters should be sent by **October 3, 2011** to Fred Sattler, Keck School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Keith Administration Building, Room 506, 1975 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90033.
  - ◆ **WSCI Travel Awards.** WSCI travel awards will be given to the top abstract in each subspecialty category submitted by a resident, fellow or faculty member.
  - ◆ **WSPR** offers several annual research and educational awards. Please refer to the August WSPR Newsletter for complete details.
- NOTE:** All **students and residents** are considered for the awards listed below. The candidate for these awards **must check WSMRF** as the membership category on the electronic submission form.
- ◆ **WAFMR/WSCI/WSPR Outstanding Student Research Awards.** WAFMR, WSCI and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by students in each subspecialty. This award will recognize outstanding abstracts presented by students.
  - ◆ **Outstanding Resident Award.** WAFMR and WSCI will offer awards for outstanding research performed or physiologic case reports given by residents.

# Western Meeting Registration

## Registration Information for Attendees:

Pre-registration for faculty and fellows is available on-line via [www.acteva.com/go/WRM2012](http://www.acteva.com/go/WRM2012) There is a discount for early registration. Faculty and fellows should check in on-site when they arrive in Carmel at the Sunset Center.

Sunset Center  
San Carlos between 8th and 9th  
Carmel, California

### Registration Hours:

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday, January 26, 2012 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday, January 27, 2012 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday, January 28, 2012 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Hotel Accommodations

The 2012 Western Regional Meetings take place throughout Carmel. Since there is no Hotel Headquarters, the Western societies have arranged to use a reservation service that will assist you with your hotel, motel, and inn accommodations for the "Doctor's Meeting." Please contact any of the following:

Resort II Me 800/449-1499 or 800/757-5646

### Registration Fees WAFMR/AFMR/WAP/WSCI/WSPR

		After 1/10/12
Member	\$175	\$210
Non-Member	\$275	\$310
Fellow/Trainee	\$95	\$125
Emeritus	\$95	\$100
CME credit	\$65	
On-site	(\$50 increase in all categories above)	

### Welcome Cocktail Reception and Poster Session for Subspecialty Award Winners

Thursday, January 26, 2012  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

All attendees are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring students, fellows and junior faculty from their institution. The reception is sponsored by all of the societies participating in the 2012 Western Regional Meetings.

## Registration Information for Students and Residents:

All students and residents **MUST** pre-register for the Western Student Medical Research Forum (WSMRF) **on-line at [www.wsmrf.org](http://www.wsmrf.org)**. Headquarters for the WSMRF will be at Monterey Beach Resort, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA off Highway One.

### Registration Hours:

Thursday, January 26, 2012 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Friday, January 27, 2012 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday, January 28, 2012 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### Attention All Students/Residents in the Health Professions

The Western Student Medical Research Committee hosts the 40th Annual Western Student Medical Research Forum in conjunction with the 2012 Western Regional Meetings. The forum is open to all students in the health professions and will be held at the Monterey Beach Resort. The forum is hosted by the Western Student Medical Research Committee comprised of members from each participating medical school. Special activities designed especially for student presenters include: Breakfast with the Investigator, Posters, Pizza and Beer Session, Residency Luncheon and an Awards Banquet.

All students submitting an abstract to the 2012 Western Regional Meetings **should indicate WSMRF as their membership category**. The top 20 ranked student abstracts will give an oral and poster presentation. Additional questions or information about the Western Student Medical Research Forum should be directed to your Student Affairs Office or your WSMRF Committee Member (find them at [www.wsmrf.org](http://www.wsmrf.org) and click the Contact icon) or contact:

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