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**Call for Abstracts - Academy 2017 Chicago Scientific Program**

The Scientific Program Committee of the American Academy of Optometry invites the submission of abstracts for Academy 2017 Chicago, to be held Wednesday, October 11 through Saturday, October 14. The Academy's Scientific Program offers scientists, educators, and clinicians the opportunity to exchange the latest information in optometry and vision science in two formats, research paper presentations and scientific posters.

“The annual meeting of the Academy is a great forum to showcase your recent scientific and clinical findings in optometry and vision science, and we encourage authors to submit abstracts for both oral and poster presentations,” remarked Suresh Viswanathan, MS, PhD, FAAO, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee.

The abstract submission window will be open from **May 1 through May 31, 2017**. This year, the Scientific Program Committee will present focused sessions on special topics that will include extended discussion, integration of clinical topics, and debate on current controversies.

The Scientific Program Committee will consider all presentations including those from students and residents. Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:

- Adherence to submission guidelines
- Scientific or clinical novelty
- Methodologically sound
- Quantitative description of the results
- Conclusions that are substantiated by the results
- Submissions of previously published copyrighted material (e.g. ARVO abstracts or journal articles) will not be accepted.

First authors (excluding students and residents) of accepted papers/posters are also eligible to register for Academy 2017 Chicago at reduced rates. To read more about the submission guidelines or to submit an abstract, visit <http://www.aaopt.org/Meetings/Academy2017/SciProg>.

**About the American Academy of Optometry**

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) enhances excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science through its journal, *Optometry and Vision Science*, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. Fellows of the Academy are committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong obligation of a professional, as is the commitment to expand the profession's knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.aaopt.org>.

The next annual meeting of the Academy will be October 11-14, 2017 in Chicago, IL. For more information, contact Jenny Brown at [jennyb@aaoptom.org](mailto:jennyb@aaoptom.org) or by phone at 321-319-4862.

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