Frequently Asked Questions: Balint Orban Memorial Competition and Research Forum Poster Session

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

When are 2020 abstracts due?
Abstracts must be submitted on the AAP’s abstract submission website by April 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm Central Standard Time.

How do I submit an abstract?
All abstracts must be submitted via the AAP’s online abstract submission website at https://www.abstractscorecard.com. Each submitter must create an account and follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the website.

Do I have to be a member of the AAP to submit an abstract?
No, you do not have to be an AAP member to submit or present an abstract to either the Balint Orban Memorial Competition or the Research Forum Poster Session.

I already have an account on perio.org. Do I need to create a new account with the online submissions site?
Yes, you will need to create a new account even if you have an account on perio.org. When you create your account, please ensure that your email address is correct, as you will be notified via that email regarding your abstract’s acceptance status.

I forgot my username or password. How can I retrieve them?
If you forgot your password, you can click on “Forgot Your Password” on the login screen of the submission website and a reset link will be emailed to you. Your username is the email address that you provided when you created your account.

Can I submit an abstract to both competitions?
If the primary author (lead author) meets the qualifications to enter the Balint Orban Memorial Competition, an abstract may be submitted to both contests. The abstract will be considered for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition first, and if it is not selected as a finalist, it may participate in the Research Forum Poster Session.

Is there a word limit for the abstracts?
There is a 3000-character limit for the abstract submission, and an additional 500-character limit for the table caption. The table caption does not count against the abstract character limit. Spaces are included in the limit. The character count will be displayed as you enter your abstract.

Can I submit pictures or tables with my abstract?
A MAXIMUM of 4 total uploads is allowed. Only one image/table is permitted per upload. You may either have up to 4 tables, up to 4 images, or a combination of both that does not exceed a total of 4.

Can I submit an abstract via email or fax?
Submissions are NOT accepted via email, mail, or fax. Abstracts MUST be submitted through the AAP’s submissions website at https://www.abstractscorecard.com.

Can I submit an abstract that has been published?
Material may not have been published online or in print at the time of its presentation, except as an abstract of 200 words or less. Abstracts that have been published or accepted for publication cannot be submitted to either competition.

My abstract was accepted for publication after I submitted it to the AAP. Can I still participate in the competition?
Submission of a manuscript for publication consideration after submission to the competition but prior to the presentation at the Annual Meeting is permitted. Editor(s) should be informed of the intent to present the research in the competition to avoid premature publication.

Can I submit an abstract that has been presented at another meeting?
As long as the abstract has not been published or accepted for publication, the abstract may be submitted to the AAP’s competitions and is eligible for awards.

Can I submit more than one abstract?
Yes, an author may submit more than one abstract; however, only one abstract per author may be designated as a finalist.

Can I submit a case report?
Yes, case reports are accepted for the Research Forum Poster Session only, as long as they are formatted properly.

PRESENTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

When will I be notified of my abstract acceptance status?
All submitters will be notified via email in June regarding the status of their abstracts. Please ensure that your email address is correct when creating your account, as all notifications will be sent to that email.

Can a non-primary author present at the Annual Meeting?
No, only the abstract’s primary author (lead author) may present at the Annual Meeting.

My abstract was selected for presentation. Do I have to register for the 2020 Annual Meeting?
Yes, all presenters and finalists must register for the Annual Meeting. Only Balint Orban Memorial Competition finalists will receive complimentary registration. All presenters at the Research Forum Poster Session are responsible for their own registration and related fees.

Is there a specified size for Research Forum poster presentations?
All poster presenters will be provided with a 4’ (tall) x 8’ (wide) (1.13m x 2.318m) corkboard on which to mount your poster and/or visual aids. You are responsible for the design and printing your poster as well as any other supplies you require, including thumbtacks. Additional information about on-site presentations will be emailed approximately one month before the Annual Meeting.

**Does the AAP reimburse finalists for transportation, hotel, and registration fees?**
The AAP only reimburses these expenses for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition finalists. All Research Forum Poster Session presenters and finalists are responsible for securing their own transportation, hotel, and meeting registration fees.

**When are the finalist presentations?**
The Balint Orban Memorial Competition finalist presentations will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2020. The Research Forum Poster Session finalist presentations will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2020. In addition, all Research Forum Poster Session presenters must be present on Sunday, November 1, 2020 to present their work to Annual Meeting attendees.

Specific poster numbers, location and timing of the poster session will be determined at a later time.

**I was selected to present my research for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition, but I am unable to present on the specified date.**
If a Balint Orban finalist is not able to present on the day of the competition, accommodations may be provided at the Research Submissions Committee’s discretion. Finalists with a conflict should contact Ms. Abby Winkler at abby@perio.org as soon as possible.

**I am unable to remove my poster by the specified time. What should I do?**
Please email Ms. Abby Winkler at abby@perio.org in advance of the Annual Meeting.