

**AAPdN Annual Conference April 20-22, 2018, Bally's
Hotel & Casino, 3645 Las Vegas Blvd S., Las Vegas,
Nevada 89109**

CALL FOR PAPERS

AAPdN will be holding its Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. This call for papers via abstracts submission will detail instructions for preparing abstracts and also how to submit abstracts for review by AAPdN. All abstracts must be related to the professional practice of pediatric neuropsychology or its underlying scientific basis. All paper presentations will be made in poster sessions. Accepted papers will be assigned to one of two poster sessions to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in the designated conference room.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts are due on or before February 1, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING ABSTRACTS FOR THE AAPdN MEETING

There are three categories of abstract submissions: Original Research, Literature Review, and Theoretical/Commentary.

Original Research abstracts will include all prospective and retrospective professional pediatric neuropsychology studies that involve testing a hypothesis by collecting and analyzing empirical data and may also include case studies of single subjects or a small group of common patients.

Literature Review abstracts should provide a scholarly discussion of a specific professional pediatric neuropsychology topic via a review of contemporary research literature that results in a synthesis of literature leading to new insights on the topic addressed.

Theoretical/Commentary abstracts are about any topic related to professional pediatric neuropsychology including (but not limited to) public policy, trends in pediatric neuropsychology, assessment and treatment strategies, brain mechanisms of action, and methodological issues.

All categories of abstracts are structured with required sections and all must include Objectives and Conclusions headings. The objectives section begins the abstract and should be a clear statement of questions addressed by the abstract. The conclusions section details what was proved by the abstract and the implications for professional pediatric neuropsychology.

Original Research abstracts also include sections on Methods and Results, in addition to objectives and conclusions sections. The methods section describes the subjects (diagnoses and demographic characteristics), instruments (pediatric neuropsychological test measures) and the procedure (research design) used in the study. The results section should describe the statistical analyses and the levels of statistical significance and/or effect sizes obtained.

Case studies may not require statistical analyses and descriptive comments would be appropriate in the results section. Literature Review abstracts also includes sections on data selection and data analysis. The data selection should include the criteria for selection of data sources and how data was extracted. The data analysis section should include how data was analyzed and the results of the literature review in addition to objectives and conclusions sections.

Theoretical/Commentary abstracts should include a discussion section in addition to objectives and conclusions sections. The discussion section should describe the theoretical issue/comment related to (but not limited to) public policy, trends in pediatric neuropsychology, assessment and treatment strategies, brain mechanisms of action and methodological issues, which is the topic of the abstract.

Abstracts of the Original Research and Literature Review categories are based on empirical data and all data that forms the foundation of these types of abstracts should have been collected and analyzed prior to submission of the abstract.

Author(s) information should be listed two spaces above the abstract. Author(s) information must include the name, highest educational degree (Ph.D., Psy.D. Ed.D., M.D., MA, MS, MEd, BA, BS, etc.), E-mail address, complete snail mailing address, office telephone number, office fax number, academic/business affiliation(s) of the persons submitting the abstract. The same information is required of all co-authors, who should be listed in order of authorship contribution. The submitting author is responsible for obtaining permission from all co-authors to be listed as a co-author prior to submission of the abstract.

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words (including the Abstract title which should be centered above the body of the Abstract). *Abstract titles should be no longer than ten (10) words.* The author(s) information and abstract title are not counted toward the abstract limit of 300 words. There is no limit on the number of abstracts that can be submitted for presentation at the AAPdN Meeting by an author.

All accepted abstracts are to be published in a future issue of the AAPdN Official Journal-The Journal of Pediatric Neuropsychology. *Submission of an abstract is considered as an agreement by all authors to have the abstract published in the form in which the abstract was submitted.*

All abstracts must be prepared in Microsoft Word and submitted as an attachment to an E-mail message that has in the subject heading the last name of the first author at the beginning and then “AAPdN abstract submission” and the abstract title. The E-mail message should assert specifically that in the case of Original Research and Literature Review abstracts that all data described in the abstract have been collected prior to submission of the abstract and were collected in an ethical manner, the abstract had not previously been presented at a regional, national or international meeting and that all co-author(s) have reviewed the abstract and agreed to be listed as co-author(s).

Theoretical/Commentary abstracts must be submitted with an E-mail message that should assert specifically that the abstract had not previously been presented at a regional, national or international meeting and that all co-author(s) have reviewed the abstract and agreed to be listed as co-author(s). Persons submitting abstracts do not need to be members of AAPdN.

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE on or before February 1, 2018 and must be submitted via the internet to drmachorton@gmail.com. Late submissions may be considered but only with advance permission from Dr. Arthur Horton.

INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT REVIEW PROCEDURES

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the AAPdN Abstracts Review Committee. Two or more committee members will review each abstract based on the criteria of relevance to pediatric neuropsychology, methodological adequacy, conceptual clarity, and significance of the findings for pediatric neuropsychology. The AAPdN Abstracts Review Committee includes members holding the AAPdN Diplomate who are also published researchers in pediatric neuropsychology.

Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent by *March 1, 2018* or earlier by an E-mail message to the E-mail address of the first author who submitted the abstract. The submitting author is responsible for informing any co-authors regarding acceptance or non-acceptance of the submitted abstract. All abstract acceptance decisions of the AAPdN Abstract Review Committee are final.

Paper Presentations of Accepted Works

By virtue of submitting an abstract for review, the author(s) agrees that if the paper is accepted for presentation, at least one of the named authors on the work will attend the assigned Poster Session (there will be 2 sessions) on Saturday, April 21, 2018, and present the work. *All persons who attend, even if only to present at the poster session, are required to register for the AAPdN conference.*

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If there are questions or requests please contact Arthur MacNeill Horton, Jr., Ed.D, ABPP (CL), ABN, ABPP (BP), ABPdN, Chair, AAPdN Abstracts Review Committee, at the E-mail address listed above or 5903 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814 or Office Telephone Number (410) 823-6408, ext. 20 or Cell Telephone Number (301) 219-3054.