NATCON 2017

The 72nd National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (NATCON 2017), jointly organized by the Department of Pulmonary Medicine, KIMS&RF, Amalapuram, East Godavari District TB Association and Tuberculosis Association of Andhra Pradesh under the aegis of the Tuberculosis Association of India, will be held from 15th to 17th December, 2017, as detailed below:

DATE	TIMINGS	VENUE	PROGRAMME
15-12-2017 (FRIDAY)	**8.30 A.M.to 2.00 P.M.**	**KIMS MEDCAL COLLEGE AMALAPURAM (Andhra Pradesh)**	**WORKSHOPS/CME Prograamme for PG students**
	6.30 P.M.	**HOTEL RIVER BAY RAJAHMUNDRY**	**INAUGURATION**
16TH &17TH -12-2017 (SATURDAY&SUNDAY)		**HOTEL RIVER BAY RAJAHMUNDRY**	**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME**

Papers/Posters on the following subjects are welcome for the above Conference:

1. Epidemiology of TB
2. RNTCP, HIV-TB, MDR-TB, XDR-TB
3. Pneumonia, COPD and Asthma
4. TB Diagnostics – Genome and Sequencing
5. Sleep-Disordered Breathing
6. Public & Private Partnership for DOTS Implementation
7. Tobacco & Lung Health
8. Paediatric Tuberculosis
9. Bird Flu (Avian Influenza)
10. Surgery in Pulmonary Tuberculosis
11. Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM)
12. Socio-behavioural studies in HIV and TB
13. Lung Health
14. TB & Diabetes
15. Pulmonary rehabilitation
16. Information Technology in Respiratory Diseases
17. Indoor and outdoor Pollution
18. Air borne infection control
19. Nutrition and TB
20. Geriatric TB
21. Newer Technology in TB
22. Universal access to TB Care
23. Role of Civil Society in TB prevention and cure
24. Role of nurses and para-medics in tuberculosis control
25. Non-tuberculous Mycobacteria
26. Extra-pulmonary tuberculosis
27. Newer drugs and vaccines
28. Genetics and Immunology in Tuberculosis

You are welcome to participate in the conference. Kindly bring this circular to the notice of all TB and Chest Diseases Workers/researchers working with you and in your area. **The participants willing to present academic papers/posters on any of the above subjects should forward the abstracts of the same by e-mail**: tbassnindia@yahoo.co.in **by 30th June, 2017.**

Please strictly adhere to the following instructions while preparing and sending the abstract/s:

(1) **The abstract/s should be typed in MS word, in single spacing with Times New Roman font and 12 in size to be sent as an attachment to the mail.**
(2) **Please do not send the abstract/s in any other format such as PDF, Power Point, etc.**

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The guidelines for preparation of abstracts/slides/transparencies are as follows:

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

A)   For preparing abstracts :

1. The length of an abstract should normally not exceed 250 words, including the heading.

2. The abstract should comprise (a) objectives of the study, (b) methodology of investigation and (c) main findings. In respect of some papers, (b) and (c) may comprise the idea/hypothesis, discussion and conclusion. Phrases like "findings will be presented at the Conference" are unhelpful.
3. If analysis is incomplete at the time, a revised abstract should be sent, at least six weeks prior to the Conference to be included in the "Programme and Summaries" for distribution among delegates.
4. An inadequate abstract may not be considered by the Programme Committee for presentation.

B)   For preparing projection slides:

1. Material on the slide should be relevant, minimum, in bold letters/figures and computer composed.
2. Material should normally cover 3/5 of the available space on the slide (35mm) with margins on all sides. Professional assistance is preferable.
3. Blue on white background is better than black and white slides. For multi-colour slides, the preferable colours are red, black and green on white background.

C)   For preparing posters :

1. The dimensions of your poster should not exceed 60cm horizontallyx120cm in vertical length.
2. Avoid putting too much material and text on the poster.
3. The heading should have letters at least 35mm high listing the title of the paper, authors, institution and its location.
4. Lettering for text and illustrations must be at least 10mm high, or typed clearly.

5. Divide your poster into Introduction, Objectives, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions. Each of these sections should be in sequence to guide the reader through the poster.
6. The introduction should contain 3 to 5 sentences outlining essential information necessary to understand the study and why it was done.
7. The objective of the study, the questions to be asked or the hypothesis to be tested should be clearly stated in as few words as possible.
8. Outline your methods briefly.
9. Results should be presented as graphs or tables. They should be self-explanatory and therefore please provide a clear legend including symbols. You may also want to provide an interpretation of the results below each panel.
10. The discussion (if necessary) and conclusions should be succinctly stated on large type. Many viewers read this first, hence it should be easy to understand.

For more details and updated information, please keep watching our websites: www.tbassnindia.org & www.natcon2017.in