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To: All Researchers Interested in Diabetes

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Re: Call for Abstracts and Participation

Sixth OUHSC Diabetes Research Retreat, Saturday, October 10th, 2009 8:00 – 4:30 pm

Oklahoma History Center across from State Capitol

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Annual Diabetes Research Retreat, which will be held again this year at the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, October 10th. As we all work together to develop the Harold Hamm Oklahoma Diabetes Center, our goal is to facilitate communication and collaboration between researchers from all disciplines on campus whose work relates to diabetes.

The format will be similar to last year’s meeting. Presentations will last 20 minutes (including discussion time), and will focus on individual research projects by students, post-docs and junior faculty. To provide overview and context, summaries of the work being done by each research group will be included in the program.

Posters will be judged for first and second place. A gift certificate to amazon.com will be awarded in the amount of $500 for first place recognition and $250 for second place.

This year oral presentations will also be judged for first and second place and gift certificates in the same amount as mentioned above will be awarded.

We therefore request:

1. submission of abstracts from more junior researchers (junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and students) for oral presentations or posters. The abstracts should address specific research projects and findings. All presenters should submit an abstract by September 1st to Jay Ma through email (jian-xing-ma@ouhsc.edu) or Sharon Yarbrough (sharon-yarbrough@ouhsc.edu). Please use American Diabetes Association abstract format: an example is attached.

   (1) Margins are 1.25” for top and bottom and 1.25” for left and right.
   (2) Font should be Times New Roman 12.
   (3) Title should be centered and in all caps.
   (4) If the abstract has more than one author, please make sure we clearly know which PI is from which department and university.
   (5) Paragraphs should be indented and double space between paragraphs.

2. each “group leader” or PI to write a short summary/overview about ongoing research projects and future directions of his/her work. This information will be printed in the program, and will provide attendees with a general description of research interests. If you agree, this information may be placed on a Diabetes Research Retreat website.

3. eligibility for prizes will be restricted to poster and oral presentations where the trainee (fellows, post-docs, students) is the first author and presenting their work. If the work is eligible for a prize, please indicate so at the bottom of abstract page. Please include statement: “The authors request this work be considered for a Diabetes Research reward.

The meeting will end with a lecture by our keynote speaker; Rebecca Simmons, MD, neonatologist and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania.
Deadlines:
Submission of Abstract for Presentation: **Tuesday, September 1st, 2009**
Submission of Summary of Research Interest for the handout: **Tuesday, September 1st, 2009**

Tentative Retreat Schedule:

**Saturday, October 10th, 2009**

Breakfast: 8:00 am – 8:30 am  
Opening Remarks: 8:30 – 8:45 am  
Scientific presentations and discussion: 8:45 am to 12:00 noon  
Lunch (provided) and Poster session: 12:00 – 1:30 pm  
Scientific presentations and discussion: 1:30 – 3:30 pm  
Keynote speaker: 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Location: Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

Please mark your calendars – we look forward to seeing you!