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### **ATTENTION: OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN, TRAINING OFFICERS, CHIEF AND SENIOR RESIDENTS**

#### **31ST RESIDENTS' RESEARCH PAPER CONTEST (RRPC) 2017**

Dear Colleague/s:

Warmest greetings! This year marks the **31st** anniversary of the Residents' Research Paper Contest (RRPC). **For this year, we will have a 4<sup>th</sup> category, Health Care Management / Public Health.**

**All categories will be for oral presentation. When the final manuscripts are submitted, they will be forwarded to the judges who will score and choose the top SEVEN papers of each category for the contest proper. All the other papers will be entered as e-posters in powerpoint format which delegates can browse thru, in powerpoint format, during the three days of the annual convention.**

#### **General Guidelines**

This contest is open to all bonafide residents-in-training of any ophthalmology residency training program duly accredited by the Philippine Board of Ophthalmology. The research paper must have been done during the author's residency in Ophthalmology. The senior (presenting) author must be a resident at the time of presentation, or a recent graduate (not more than 12 months after completion of residency). The research paper should be original, concept originating from the resident or from a consultant of the Institute or Department from which the resident is taking his training program. The research paper must not be a part of an international study unless the concept and origin, primary author, is from the local (Philippine) Ophthalmology Institute or Department. IRB approval is encouraged at this time and in the future will be required. Research papers which were already published, submitted or accepted for publication prior to the contest shall be disqualified. Studies initiated or sponsored by pharmaceutical companies or ophthalmic manufacturers shall not be accepted. Papers done by post-residency fellows-in-training, when done as part of the fellowship are not acceptable.

#### **RESIDENTS RESEARCH PAPER CONTEST**

Qualifying entries will be presented at the **2017 PAO Annual Meeting, RESEARCH CONTEST CATEGORIES**

**1. Basic Paper Category:** A study will be categorized as a Basic Paper if it relates to basic knowledge/information in Ophthalmology. These include studies on the following:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Biochemistry
- Genetics



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- Animal studies
- Cell studies
- In vitro studies

\*The top SEVEN Basic papers will be chosen to for oral presentation during annual PAO meeting.

## **2. Clinical Paper Category:**

A study will be categorized as a Clinical Paper if it involves human subjects and relates to diagnosis, management and prognosis of ophthalmic diseases. These include the following:

- Interventional studies
- Randomized controlled trials
- Case Control studies

\* The top SEVEN Clinical papers will be chosen to for oral presentation during annual PAO meeting.

## **3. Technical Paper Category:**

A study will be categorized as a Technical Paper if it relates to the following:

- New or Innovative surgical techniques
- Variations of a standard surgical technique
- New instrumentations
- New applications of traditional instruments
- New materials

\* The top SEVEN Technical papers will be chosen to for oral presentation during annual PAO meeting.

## **4. Healthcare Management / Public Health**

A study will be categorized as Healthcare management /Public health if it relates to the ff:

- Public Health Programs
- Social Epidemiology
- Preventive care
- Occupational safety
- Health human services
- Evidenced based practice
- Clinical Integration
- The top SEVEN Healthcare Management / Public Health papers will be chosen to for oral presentation during annual PAO meeting.



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### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

- Abstracts are to be submitted online on **September 16, 2017/ Saturday**

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL MANUSCRIPTS**

- **Basic, Clinical, Technical and Health Care Management/Public Health Categories – Full manuscripts are to be submitted on October 6, 2017/ Friday**

A total of FOUR (4) copies of the manuscript and one properly labeled E-COPY (DVD, SD, USB) **with a minimum of 6 keywords** are to be submitted. **Three (3) of the copies should NOT bear the names of the authors and institutions.**

Signed Copyright Transfer to Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology (PJO) **should be provided**, otherwise advised through writing.

A hard copy and the E-COPY will be submitted to the Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology (PJO) for possible publication. These may be returned for revisions. If the paper is chosen for publication, the author will be notified.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF E-POSTERS IN POWERPOINT FORMAT**

- **Basic, Clinical, Technical and Health Care Management/Public Health Categories – Powerpoint slides are to be submitted online on November 24, 2017/ Friday**

There will be **NO EXTENSION OF DEADLINES**. As in the past, all the entries will be evaluated by the RRPC judges.

Attached is the **Revised RRPC Guidelines**. Please disseminate this information to all those concerned.

Thank you very much and good luck to all!

Yours truly,

  
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