Announcement:
Call for Young Investigator Abstracts G-CAN 2016

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Ardea Biosciences, the 2016 G-CAN Annual Meeting will have a dedicated 60 minute symposium and poster session for trainees and emerging investigators to present their work, and to receive encouragement and constructive guidance. Abstracts may now be submitted for the Ardea Biosciences G-CAN Trainees and Young Investigator Symposium at the 2016 Annual G-CAN Meeting.

Please convey this information to your most promising MD and your PhD Fellows, including clinical and bench research trainees, and emerging junior faculty “Young Investigators.”

Abstracts for consideration should be submitted no later than Sunday, June 12, 2016.

To be considered
* Trainees/Young Investigators must submit a 350 - 400 word abstract describing their work (see How to Submit an Abstract below).
* Must agree to create a poster and/or PowerPoint presentation*
* be available to travel to Washington, DC for the G-CAN Annual Meeting and stay for the entire meeting, the morning (8 AM) of November 11 through 4 pm that day.
* Be an MD, DO, or PhD. To qualify for the Trainees/Young Investigator Symposium you should not yet have independent national research support as Principal Investigator for a grant equivalent to an NIH R01 grant.
* There is no abstract submission fee.

*The authors of the 4 top-ranked abstracts will be invited to present a 10 minute oral presentation, followed by 5 minutes of discussion, based on their abstract.

Others will have an opportunity to describe their posters during poster breaks and the lunch break at the meeting.

Abstracts must fall into one of these two categories:
* An abstract describing the results of, or progress on, a primary research project in Gout, Hyperuricemia, or Crystal Arthropathy. The research should be of potential interest to rheumatologists and/or nephrologists, or others working in the fields of Gout, Hyperuricemia, or Crystal Arthropathy.
* There is a limit of 2 abstracts from an individual applicant.
* The abstract does not have to be substantially different from the 2016 abstract submissions to other meetings, but the impact and originality of the abstract will be judged accordingly.

*DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: Sunday, June 12, 2016.*

-- Please submit to pamlove@g-can.org. The header of the email should begin with: Trainees-Young Investigators SUBMISSION: (Your first and last name).
---Submit the following:
1. Your abstract (in Word only)
2. Your CV (in Word or PDF)
3. Letter of recommendation (maximum of 1 page) from your research or departmental supervisor/mentor (in Word or PDF).

Ranking the Abstracts
A panel of the G-CAN Board members will rank the abstracts. Abstract submissions will be blinded to ensure panel objectivity. G-CAN’s goal is to provide at least some financial travel support for all trainees ranked in the majority of all entries, in particular, those chosen for oral presentations who cannot obtain local funding, e.g. from a grant or regional corporate support. Those chosen to present at the oral session will receive a maximum of $750 (applicants in USA and Canada) or $1500 (applicants outside of USA and Canada) for travel support to the meeting, and additional support for up to 2 nights of hotel stay (at a maximum of $250/night). Receipts and a statement of justification would need to be submitted for G-CAN to reimburse for travel and hotel support. You are advised to hold off on making travel arrangements until you receive notice of acceptance into the program.
There is no charge to attend any of the sessions, but G-CAN encourages Trainees and their institutions to pursue grants to cover travel and/or lodging expenses wherever possible.

MEETING SCHEDULE
Those accepted should deliver their posters to the G-CAN registration desk as soon as possible on Friday, November 11 no later than 7 AM, so they can be put up for display.

TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT
*Email your abstract as a Word document (limit 350 - 400 words - more is *not* better). * The abstract should include a title, date submitted, name of trainee as first author, other authors, name of University and department, trainee mailing address, phone number, email address.

See an example below of how the first page of the abstract should look.*If any of this information is omitted, the abstract will be returned for revision*. Name the document this way: (Your last name_your first name_first few words of title_2016) like this: Smith_Jane_Patient-centered studies_2016. Send it with an email cover note including complete contact information: Name of Trainee, Name of University and Department, Trainee street address (either at work or home), Phone number and Email address(es). Both the cover note and the abstract should include complete contact information in the order described. Two email addresses are preferred to ensure we are able to contact you.

PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY UP TO 2 ABSTRACTS PER PERSON AS THE FIRST AUTHOR! You may be the second, third, fourth, etc. author on a different abstract that is submitted by a colleague, but you may submit only up to two abstracts for consideration as the first author. Submissions should be emailed to pamlove@g-can.org ON or BEFORE SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016. Abstracts will be ranked no later than the first week of July, at which time transportation arrangements should be made by those who are accepted. Invited Trainees and mentors will also be provided with an online option for making G-CAN hotel reservations.

If a score of "not recommended" is assigned, the author will still be invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Trainees Symposium but no G-CAN travel support will be offered and there will not be an invitation to present.

Please do not hesitate to ask Pam Love if you have questions.

Best Regards,

Pam Love, Executive Director, G-CAN
Robert Terkeltaub, MD, G-CAN President
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*Sample Front Page. Please follow this format for your submission:

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ABSTRACT DUE DATE is SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016. Email to pamlove@g-can.org **** Good luck!