2015 AAAM Call for Abstracts
59th Annual Conference • October 4-7, 2015
Loews Hotel • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

DEADLINES TO BE OBSERVED

- Jan 6, 2015 – Abstract submissions for Full Length Papers, Short Communications, and Posters will be accepted. Submit abstracts online by 5:00 pm EST (no exceptions). Use template provided on AAAM website.
- Feb 6, 2015 – Authors will be notified on the status of their abstracts via email.
- March 16, 2015 – Full-Length Papers, Short Communications, and Poster Abstracts are due. Full-Length Paper first draft manuscripts will be uploaded to the publisher (Taylor & Francis’) website for Traffic Injury Prevention. Short Communications and Poster Abstracts will be uploaded to AAAM.
- June 15, 2015 – Final Full-Length manuscripts are due.
- October 4-7, 2015 – 59th AAAM Scientific Conference held at Loews Hotel in Philadelphia.

ABOUT THE AAAM. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM) is a scientific professional organization devoted entirely to traffic related injury control. Its multidisciplinary membership represents medicine, behavioral research, biomechanics, engineering, epidemiology, statistics, education, law, and public policy. The conference combines clinical, research, academic and administrative backgrounds.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES. The AAAM’s Scientific Program Committee (SPC) invites abstracts for three categories: Full-Length Papers, Short Communications, and Posters for consideration in planning the 59th AAAM Annual Conference. Abstracts will consist of less than one page (single spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman using the AAAM provided template). Images are not allowed in the abstract. Abstracts are anonymously peer reviewed through a double-blind process for quality research, scientific content and logical presentation. Full-Length Papers will undergo a rigorous peer review process in conjunction with the journal Traffic Injury Prevention Associate Editors and the SPC. By submitting an abstract the author(s) agree that, if accepted, the paper will be presented as scheduled. Full-Length Papers will be indexed, and along with Short Communications and Poster Abstracts, will be published as a special issue in the journal Traffic Injury Prevention.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS: CHILD INJURY PREVENTION. The 2015 AAAM conference will be having a special emphasis on Child Injury Prevention, including tours of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, competitive awards for pediatric research, and a special session of the conference devoted to children. Thus, the Scientific Program Committee specifically encourages abstracts, posters, and short communications on the topic of Child Injury Prevention to support the special emphasis of this year’s conference.

The general criteria for consideration of abstracts is originality, clarity and concise presentation. Research will be additionally evaluated for purpose of study, methodology/design, results and conclusions. Sufficient quantitative data and statistical tests must be presented and a conclusion must be supported by your results. Abstracts MUST use the official template form and provide information on each of the following points: (1) research question/objective, (2) methods, (3) data sources (include sample size), (4) results, (5) significance of results (the abstract should describe how the results relate to reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities). DO NOT include your name or affiliation in the abstract. The abstract review process is to be anonymous. ABSTRACTS EXCEEDING THE ONE PAGE LIMIT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

TOPICS OF INTEREST. Scientific papers are invited in all areas of the “Haddon Matrix”: pre-crash, crash, and post-crash related research exploring human, vehicle/equipment, physical environment, and social/economic factors below. Papers on these topics using methods from the fields of behavioral science, clinical medicine, engineering, epidemiology and public policy are of interest to the Scientific Program Committee. Only abstracts submitted online using the official template provided will be considered.

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REVIEW PROCESS. Scientific presentations at AAAM Annual Meetings are recognized for their contributions to the field of crash injury control. Authors may choose Full-Length Paper, Short Communication, or Poster categories (see below). The Scientific Program Committee then reviews and designates category if necessary based on the abstract. Abstract acceptance does not automatically ensure Full-Length Paper, Short Communication, or Poster acceptance. Manuscript review is based upon the following considerations: significance and timeliness of the research to road trauma prevention; study methodology; generalizability of the results to the population at large; applicability of the research findings to future studies or public policies; the paper’s long term reference value; the introduction of new, innovative concepts; the manuscript’s clarity; its appropriateness to AAAM’s audience.

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• Full-Length Papers – Should describe new and carefully confirmed findings. Full-Length Papers are 8-10 printed pages in length. The SPC reviews abstracts for full manuscripts. Accepted authors submit their manuscripts to Traffic Injury Prevention (TIP) and the reviewers will be chosen and reviews managed by one of several TIP Associate Editors as well as the SPC Chair and Vice Chair. Reviewers will consist of SPC members as well as individuals with relevant expertise outside of the SPC. Accepted papers are presented orally at the conference and published in TIP. Full papers are given a longer amount of podium time at the conference. Full papers that are not accepted may be given the option of presenting a Short Communication or Poster at the discretion of the SPC Chair.

• Short Communications – consist of a 2-page abstract suitable for recording the results of complete small investigations or giving details of new models or hypotheses, innovative methods, techniques, or theories. Short Communications are given a shorter amount of podium time at the conference than full-length papers. Short Communications will be published as part of the TIP special issue but are not considered terminal publications.

• Posters – consist of a short (less than 500 words) abstract AND a poster display at the conference. Posters are appropriate for works which are exploratory in nature or incomplete. Poster presenters are allowed brief podium time to summarize their work. Abstracts for posters will be published as part of a special issue of TIP but are not considered terminal publications.

STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM. We are pleased to continue offering our Annual AAAM Student Research Symposium as part of the AAAM Annual Conference (generously sponsored by Nissan Motor Company). Our sixth student symposium will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015. The objective of the symposium is to provide an opportunity for students from diverse disciplines of automotive medicine, engineering, public health, and epidemiology to present ongoing research in an open and constructive atmosphere. The symposium will be structured with oral presentations followed by discussion periods to allow interactive dialogue on the content of the presentations and foster communication between developing and established researchers in the field. Abstracts from current students in all areas of motor vehicle crash injury prevention, control, or evaluation are encouraged. Full papers will not be required and works in progress are encouraged. Each student selected to present in the symposium will receive a small travel stipend. An additional award will be given to the authors of the best presentation. An abstract (up to 3 pages) is due Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Completed work by students should be submitted to the main conference, the symposium is only intended for research that may not be fully completed, but has early findings or a novel approach that will be of interest to the AAAM audience. The SPC in their review of abstracts submitted in January may suggest the student present in the student symposium.

TOYOTA/JD STATES BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD. To identify and recognize outstanding student research, the best student paper (full-length paper) presented at the main conference will be recognized with a special award. To qualify, a student must be the primary author of the paper. The paper will be judged based on both manuscript content and presentation. The award will be presented at the annual recognition dinner. If you wish to be considered for this award, check the box on the abstract upload page labeled “Student”.

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS (full-time students from low/middle income countries)
The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM) will award one or more small grants of up to $3,000 for the support of student travel to our annual conference. The term, “support of student travel,” means reimbursement for the cost of transportation, accommodations, meals, and any other reasonable expenses related to travel for attendance and presentation at the AAAM annual conference.

Eligibility Information – AAAM Toyota/States Travel Grants are available to full-time students registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program and coming from a low/middle income country to attend and present at AAAM’s annual conference.

Selection Criteria – Selection criteria include acceptance of an abstract submitted in January to AAAM’s conference in the general session; a letter of reference by the student’s academic advisor; and focus and clarity of the applicant’s personal statement related to his/her career goals. Abstracts will be judged on impact relative to the context of the research.

Application Materials – Application materials include an abstract submitted to AAAM’s annual conference; a personal statement of no more than 2 double-spaced pages in length stating student’s career goals; a letter from student’s faculty advisor; a brief curriculum vita of the applicant; and a copy of the applicant’s most recent school transcript.

Submission – Electronic submission is required. Email all information and documents (except the abstract, which should be submitted as described on AAAM’s Call for Abstracts website) to info@aaam.org using subject line: AAAM Toyota/States Travel Grant.

Notification – AAAM’s Student Travel Grant Committee will review the applications received after the abstracts are accepted. Notification will be emailed to applicants by March 6.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. The International Scholarship includes a year of AAAM membership and travel to the annual meeting. At least one award is available for the presenting author of an accepted abstract who is living and working on some aspect of traffic safety in low or middle income countries as designated by the World Bank: (http://www.worldbank.org/). If you wish to be considered for this award, check the box on the abstract upload page labeled “International Scholar”. Previous awardees are ineligible.

ACCREDITATION. Application is made annually for AMA Category I Continuing Medical Education credit and to the American College of Emergency Physicians for Category I credit. Professional Engineering Continuing Education is also available.

AUTOMATIC INDEXING. The AAAM’s are published as a special issue of the journal Traffic Injury Prevention (TIP), one of our partner journals of the AAAM. Papers published in TIP are indexed on Medline, and included in Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports. Short Communications and Poster Abstracts will also be published as part of the special issue. TIP papers are available for free of charge to all AAAM members as part of AAAM membership. The issue will be available at the start of the conference and ‘open access’ to the world for 60 days following the start of the conference. Authors will have the option to make their article open access perpetually at a reduced fee with Taylor & Francis, the publisher.