The AAPM Ohio River Valley Chapter (ORVC) will hold the 2019 Spring Educational Symposium on March 15-16, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo, 830 Phillips Ln, Louisville, KY 40209. This meeting includes both educational and professional talks and provides an opportunity for our students and residents to present their research.

**MED PHYS SLAM**

Students and residents in the Ohio River Valley Region are invited to participate in the research symposium presenting a 3 minute Med Phys Slam style presentation. The goal is to be able to communicate your research to the public.

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

The top four presenters from the med phys slam round will be invited to give a 15 minute research presentation.

Register Online at: [http://chapter.aapm.org/orv/meetings/next_meeting.html](http://chapter.aapm.org/orv/meetings/next_meeting.html)

**TRAVEL STIPEND**

Each participant will receive a $100 travel stipend for presenting at the meeting on Saturday.

The winner will receive a $1,000 travel award to compete at the National Med Phys Slam Competition at the AAPM Annual Meeting.
MedPhys Slam is a research communication competition in which participants prepare a three-minute presentation aimed at sharing the significance of their science in a compelling yet understandable manner. Researchers spend day in and day out investigating the minutia of their topics, yet, to market a product or themselves, the minutia must be understood by more than just the scientific community. It’s all in the art of communication, and this is what MedPhys Slam aims to foster in the medical physics community. This competition is open to all students and trainees. The preliminary competition will take place at the ORVC Spring meeting, and those winners will participate in the final competition at AAPM 2019.

The rules are simple: participants have three minutes to present their research using a maximum of three PowerPoint slides. Participants will be judged on three equally weighted categories: comprehension/content, communication, and engagement. Not only will this be of interest to those within medical physics, it can be expanded as an AAPM media initiative aimed at communicating what we do to the public.

Who is eligible?

As of the AAPM 2019 Annual Meeting, you must be a current Student, Junior, or Resident member of AAPM. Your presentation must be based on your own, original research.
“Patients will have questions, and you’re the physics expert in the room.”
– John Ready

Details for the Slam Format

Presentation

- Visuals
  - PowerPoint slides allowed but optional; no Prezi or other presentation formats
  - Maximum of 3 slides
  - Slide material cannot be created by a professional
  - No embedding of audio and/or video clips is allowed
- No additional props (e.g. laser pointers, costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted
- In cases of collaborative research, the presenter’s contribution to the project must be salient and clearly specified
- Presentations must be given in English. Spoken work presentations (e.g. poems, rap, or song) are not permitted
- Presenters must remain on stage for the duration of their presentation
- Timing will commence from the moment the presenter starts talking with 3 minutes permitted (-1 point if overtime, plus an additional 1 point penalty per 5 seconds thereafter)

Who are the judges?

The ideal judging panel will be a diverse group of individuals, external to the field of medical physics. We aim to have 3-6 individuals on the judging panel. Judges will score the participants based on:

- Comprehension/Content (out of 10)
- Communication (out of 10)
- Engagement (out of 10)

Example Videos

https://youtu.be/5fqNh6-RF5M?t=16m11s
https://youtu.be/bG3RncD6938

2018 Slam Article

https://physicsworld.com/a/medphys-slam-fostering-the-art-of-communication/
Final Round
The top four Med Phys Slam presentations will be invited to give a longer traditional scientific research presentation. The total time allotted will be 15 minutes for 12 minutes of presentation and 3 minutes for questions.

While the Slam was judged for communication with the public, this will section will be focused on scientific criteria and be judged by peers. The audience will vote for best presentation and top vote will receive three bonus points to their Med Phys Slam score for the final total.

Prizes

1st place: $1,000 and nomination as ORVC representative at the AAPM national MedPhys Slam competition
2nd place: $300 and runner up for national representative
All Participants: $100 travel stipend for participating

Registration

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If you have any questions feel free to contact: Ashley Cetnar at Ashley.Cetnar@osumc.edu