47th Annual ORCA Congress 2000

General Information

The 47th ORCA Congress will be held in Alghero, Sardinia, Italy, from June 28 to July 1, 2000. Information about registration and organization will be sent in early 2000 to all ORCA members. Please plan your attendance as early as possible. Requests for further information and additional registration forms should be made to the Prof. Giuliano Falcolini, University of Sassari, Viale San Pietro 43/c, I–07100 Sassari (Italy); Tel. +39 336 72 24 57, Fax +39 336 79 22 85 41, E-Mail dental@ssmain.uniss.it.

Instructions to Authors of Papers to be Presented

The abstracts for presentation at the 47th ORCA Congress will be published in *Caries Research* prior to the meeting. That issue will also be the only abstract book for the 47th Congress. The authors are requested to submit their abstract of an original work before January 5, 2000. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee (Vice-President, Co-President, Editor) and the Associate Editors of *Caries Research*. The final decision will be ratified by the Board of ORCA. Possible amendments to the accepted abstracts must be submitted no later than February 25, 2000. The following points are made to assist programme preparation:

1. Abstracts must be written exactly according to the instructions given below.
2. The Congress focuses on research into dental caries and related matters. These include e.g. epidemiology and behavioural science; clinical and intervention studies; caries diagnostics; chemistry of tooth tissues; enamel, dentine, cementum and calculus; de- and remineralization; fluoride and fluorosis; saliva, pellicle and plaque; microbiology and immunology; nutrition, sugars, sugar substitutes and food. The authors are requested to give 3–5 key words describing the topic of the abstract.

3. Applicants should give either a verbal or a poster presentation, as decided by the Scientific Programme Committee.
4. Applicants may present only one paper, not previously presented or published, at the congress, although they might be co-authors in other papers. Those who are not members of ORCA should include a supporting signed statement for their participation from one senior ORCA member (‘sponsor’).
5. Submission of an abstract implies a commitment to present the paper at the congress. In case of a non-ORCA member it is the sponsor’s responsibility that this requirement is met. If required, the presenter should apply his/her visa to the country of congress as early as possible to ensure the possibility to present the abstract. If the already printed abstract is not presented, the proposed presenter and the sponsor are not allowed to present any paper at the next ORCA congress. Withdrawal of an abstract is not possible after February 25, 2000.
6. The abstract must be submitted (not via e-mail!) to Prof. Jorma Tenovuo, Institute of Dentistry, University of Turku, Lemminkaisenkatu 2, FIN–20520 Turku (Finland), by January 5, 2000 (latest day of arrival).

Preparation of the Abstract

The abstract should state: the objective(s) of the work; the methods and experimental approach used; the main results, including data and statistics, and conclusions. The use of illustrations as well as references should be avoided. Phrases such as ‘the results will be discussed’ are not acceptable and will result in rejection of the abstract.

The titles (maximum 15 words), authors and institution(s) should be written as follows:

European Collaborative Study of Child Dental Health: Data for 5-Year-Olds from the Scottish Sample  
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b Department of Community Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
The whole abstract should be written in double-spaced format on one sheet of paper and should not exceed 280 words. The name of the author presenting the paper should be indicated by an asterisk. It is the author’s responsibility that English is correct and carefully checked. Six copies required for editing and reviewing purposes should be included.

Separately a one-sentence summary should be provided, describing the essentials of the study in less than 25 words. On the same sheet 3–5 key words, describing the topic of the study, and the author’s full address (including telephone, telefax and E-mail) should be given. Also four self-addressed stickers should be included in order to guarantee correct mailing regarding receipt of abstract, acceptance and time of presentation.

ORCA Rolex Prize 1999

The 1999 ORCA Rolex Prize has been awarded to Prof. Birgit Angmar-Månsson from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. Dr. Angmar-Månsson has carried out highly original work on the histology of dental fluorosis and detailed experiments on the way in which fluoride produces its effects. She has also been active in the administration of ORCA and held its Co-Presidency.

Birgit Angmar-Månsson is a distinguished occupant of the Chair at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm where she has, with good natured and level-headed determination, directed the research department and developed the careers of many colleagues. Her own research has focussed on the development of methods of evaluating mineral loss in hard tissues and she has made significant contributions in this field but she has also collaborated widely with colleagues in many areas of research who have benefitted from her wise advice and deep knowledge. She has been active in ORCA, including the membership of the Board, for many years.

Call for Nominations: ORCA Prize

Nominations are requested for the ORCA Prize 2000. The nomination should include a curriculum vitae of the nominee, together with a brief statement of the reasons for the nomination. The prize is awarded for outstanding contributions in the field of dental caries research. The chairman of the Prize Committee is Professor N. Jenkins. Nomination should be sent to the President of ORCA, Professor Colin Robinson, Department of Oral Biology, The University of Leeds, School of Dentistry, Clarendon Way, Leeds LS2 9LU (UK), by December 3, 1999.

ORCA Conference Travel Fellowships

The European Organisation for Caries Research is pleased to announce that ORCA Conference Travel Fellowships will be available in the year 2000. The aim of the fellowships is to assist awardees to attend an ORCA Congress. Researchers in the field of caries or related subjects will be eligible for the fellowships, and preference will be given to workers from Eastern European or underprivileged countries. Each fellowship will have an approximate value of SFr. 1,500 as a contribution to costs incurred in attending the annual Congress.

The applicant should prepare either (i) an abstract of research results, or (ii) a proposal for a research project to be carried out by the applicant.

An abstract of research results should be prepared according to the guidelines given in the announcements ‘Instructions to Authors…’ and ‘Preparations of the Abstract’. A proposal for a research project should contain a clear aim and a description of the methods that will be used, it should be original work to be executed in the institute of the applicant by him/her and young co-workers. The research should potentially lead to a publication in an indexed journal. Finally, the applicant should master English adequately because successful applicants will discuss their proposal with experts in a special session at the congress.

The application should include: (1) the abstract of research results or the research proposal, whatever is applicable, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) a letter of recommendation from a senior staff member at their home institution and (4) a description of their present position and current research work. However, it is strongly suggested that those who wish to apply, ask advice from Prof. Klimm (University of Dresden, Conservative Dentistry, Fetscherstrasse 74, D–01307 Dresden, Germany; Fax +49 351 458 4340), or Prof. ten Bosch (Department of Bioengineering, University of Groningen, Bloemsingel 10, NL–9712 KZ Groningen, The Netherlands; Fax +31 50 3633259) as early as possible.

Applicants should submit their application to Prof. Lutz Stösser, Preventive Dentistry, University of Jena, Nordhauser Strasse 78, D–99089 Erfurt (Germany), Fax +49 361 7411105, according to the preceding guidelines. The documents should be received by Prof. Stösser by December 3, 1999. Applicants who wish to present research results should also send their abstract to the Editor of Caries Research as outlined in the ‘Instructions to Authors of Papers to Be Presented’.

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Description of the ORCA Consultancy Service

Aim
The European Organisation for Caries Research is pleased to announce that the ORCA Consultancy Service is available for research projects to be carried out in an East European or another less privileged country. The aim of the service is (1) to provide help in the actual execution of research at an international level and, (2) in doing so, providing experience and contacts that are useful for further research by the recipients of the consultancy, in their home country.

Content
The ORCA consultancy service will provide payment by ORCA of the following costs: (1) economy air fare for two or more trips by the consultant from his/her institute to the institute where the consultation will take place and a per diem for reasonable costs during the trip; (2) when appropriate, economy air fare for the recipient of the consultation from his/her institute to the institute of the consultant for a stay of the order of a few weeks related to the research project, a per diem for simple meals and lodging and small costs in the consultant’s city will then be included. The reimbursement shall not include direct research costs, and neither a salary of the consultant nor of the recipient.

Application Procedure
A request for consultancy by ORCA is submitted to the Secretary General Prof. Lutz Stösser, Preventive Dentistry, University of Jena, Nordhauser Strasse 78, D–99089 Erfurt, Germany (Fax +49 361 7411105). The request shall (1) outline the proposed research, (2) the consultancy support that is expected to be desirable, (3) a budget for this support and, (4) possibly, a suggestion of a consultant. Help in formulating this request can be obtained from Prof. ten Bosch or Prof. Klimm. Addresses appear under ‘ORCA Conference Travel Fellowships’.

After having obtained advice from the ORCA Working Group for Stimulation of Caries Research in Europe, the Secretary General and the Vice-President appoint an ad hoc committee of two expertised members. The committee will assess: (1) the ratio of the research objective, its scientific value and its value for the recipient’s institute, (2) the proposed methodology, (3) the feasibility of publication of the results in an international journal, (4) the appropriateness and feasibility of the expected support, (5) the appropriateness of the requested budget and (6) the suitability of the proposed consultant, if any is proposed.

A discussion with the potential recipient of the consultation and with an eventually named consultant may be part of the procedure when possible at no extra cost, e.g. at an ORCA congress. However, such discussion is not a condition. The committee will then forward the (amended) proposal to the Board for approval.