48th Annual ORCA Congress 2001

General Information

The 48th ORCA Congress will be held in Graz, Austria, July 4–7 July 2001. Please plan your attendance as early as possible. Further information can be found at the ORCA 2001 website (http://www-ang.kfunigraz.ac.at/~orca2001). Registration will be on-line, through the same website. Congress secretariat: C. Keil, Universitätsklinik für Zahnheilkunde, Auenbruggerplatz 12, A–30836 Graz 2, Austria, Fax +43-316-351314, E-Mail:clemens.keil@kfunigraz.ac.at.

New Instructions to Authors of Abstracts

The abstracts for presentation at the 48th ORCA Congress will be published prior to the meeting in Issue 4 of Caries Research; that issue will be the only abstract book for the Congress.

Abstracts should be submitted before January 5, 2001. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee (Vice-President, Co-President, Editor) and by the Associate Editors of Caries Research. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their abstract early in February 2001 and may be asked to revise their abstract. Any such revisions must be submitted no later than February 25, 2001. To assist programme preparation, authors are asked to note the following points:

1. Abstracts must be written exactly according to the instructions given below.

2. The Congress focusses on research into dental caries and related matters: epidemiology and behavioural science; clinical and intervention studies; caries diagnostics; chemistry of tooth tissues; enamel, dentine, cementum and dental calculus; de- and remineralization; dental erosion; fluoride and fluorosis saliva, pellicle and plaque; oral microbiology and immunology; nutrition (sugars, sugar substitutes and food). To assist programming, authors are asked to provide one of these topics as a key word describing the topic of their abstract.

3. Applicants must be prepared to give either a verbal or poster presentation as decided by the Scientific Programme Committee.

4. Abstracts must describe research that will not have been published or presented elsewhere at the time of the ORCA Congress (July 2001).

5. Authors may present only one paper at the Congress, although they may be co-authors of other papers.

6. Presenters who are not members of ORCA should send with their abstract a supporting signed statement from a senior ORCA member (‘sponsor’).

7. Submission of an abstract implies a commitment to present the paper at the Congress. In the case of a non-member of ORCA, it is the sponsor’s responsibility that this requirement is met. If necessary, presenters should apply for their visa to the country where the Congress is to be held as early as possible to ensure that they can present their paper. Withdrawal of an abstract is not possible after February 25, 2001. If an abstract is not withdrawn by that date, and the paper is not presented, the named presenter and their sponsor will not be allowed to present any paper at the following ORCA Congress.

8. Abstracts must be submitted in both printed and electronic forms to Dr. R. P. Shellis, Division of Restorative Dentistry, Bristol University Dental School, Lower Maudlin Street, Bristol BS1 2LY (UK) to arrive no later than January 5, 2001.

Printed Version of Abstract

1. General. The abstract should state: the objective(s) of the work; the methods and experimental approach used; the main results, including data and statistics and the conclusions. Phrases such as ‘the results will be discussed’ should be avoided and are likely to result in rejection of the abstract.

2. The heading and text should be printed on one sheet of paper.

3. Heading. The title should not exceed 15 words. Authors’ names should be given on a new line, with the presenting author’s name indicated by an asterisk and authors’ affiliations distinguished by superscript lower-case letters.
Authors’ addresses should be given on a new line and should be abbreviated. Example:

European Collaborative Study of Child Dental Health:
Data for 5-Year-Olds
C. M. Pine a,*, A-K. Bolin b
a Dental Health Services Research Unit, University of Dundee, U.K.
b Department of Community Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden

(4) Text. The text should not exceed 280 words. This word limit will be strictly enforced. References should be used only when absolutely essential and should follow the Caries Research format, but omitting the title and using ‘et al.’ for multiple-author works. Examples: [Main C et al.: J Oral Rehab 1983;10:307–313]; Kuroiwa M et al. [Caries Res 1994;28:309–314]. Tables, photographs, graphs and diagrams are not allowed.

Additional Items

The following should be sent with the printed abstract:
(1) A separate sheet containing, in order: the abstract title; the authors’ names, with the presenter’s name marked by an asterisk; a one-sentence summary not exceeding 25 words, describing the essentials of the study; the key word defining the topic; name, full postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the corresponding author.
(2) Four self-addressed labels to guarantee correct mailing regarding receipt of abstract, acceptance and time of presentation.

Electronic Submission of Abstract

A word-processor file containing the abstract should be emailed to the Editor at r.p.shellis@bris.ac.uk or, alternatively, mailed on a disk with the printed version. MS Word (version 6 or later) is preferred but WordPerfect or text files are also acceptable.

ORCA-Zsolnay Prize 2000

The 2000 ORCA Prize, consisting of a unique piece of porcelain from the Zsolnay factory in Hungary, has been awarded to Prof. J. J. ten Bosch, from the Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Groningen, The Netherlands. Prof. ten Bosch’s scientific work has focussed on the application of optics in dentistry. In many roles he has stimulated an interdisciplinary approach to science. In caries research he has particularly contributed to the development and critical analysis of new methods for the detection and quantification of caries lesions. He has made significant contributions in this field and has collaborated widely with national and international colleagues who have benefitted from his profound knowledge. Furthermore, he has worked with great dedication for ORCA, including the ORCA Board, and has fostered especially ORCA’s East Europe activities.

Honorary Memberships of ORCA 2000

In recognition of their distinguished contribution to caries research and to the activities of ORCA, Prof. G. Rølla (University of Oslo) and Prof. J. J. ten Bosch (University of Groningen) have been awarded Honorary Membership of ORCA.

Saturday Afternoon Symposium 2001

The Saturday Afternoon Symposium at ORCA 2001 will be devoted to ‘Nutrition and Oral Health’ and will comprise 6–8 papers. It is planned that the proceedings will be published as a supplement to Caries Research. For further information, contact the organizer: Dr. J. J. de Soet, Department of Oral Microbiology, ACTA, v.d. Boechorststraat 7, NL–1081 BT Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Fax +31 20 4448318.

Call for Nominations: ORCA Prize

Nominations are requested for the ORCA Prize 2001. 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. Nominations 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 L52 9LU (UK), by December 3, 1999.

ORCA Conference Travel Fellowships

The European Organisation for Caries Research is pleased to announce that ORCA Conference Travel Fellow-
ships 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...’. 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, whichever 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), 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). 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 Abstracts’.

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, provide 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 include (1) an outline of 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. 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 expert 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.