



6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S BONE HEALTH
22-25 June 2013, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Dear Colleague

A reminder that the deadline for abstracts for the [6th International Conference on Children's Bone Health](#) is approaching fast!

The abstract deadline is **1 February 2013**. Access the online abstract submission form [here](#).

The conference will bring together scientists and clinicians from a wide range of disciplines to gain a better understanding of the growing skeleton in health and disease. The scope ranges from basic molecular mechanisms to clinical aspects, from bone physiopathology to treatment and we invite anyone with an interest in bone metabolism and bone mass in children, adolescents and young adults to attend. Our priority is to maximise the time available for presentation of submitted abstracts.

Key topics

We encourage basic and clinical abstracts on any relevant topics, including, but not limited to:

Basic Bone Biology:

Osteoblasts
Osteoclasts
Osteocytes
Cell communication and metabolism
Cell signalling

Epidemiology of Fractures, Bone Density, Bone Development

Diseases of Bone, such as:

Bone fragility
Juvenile osteoporosis
Rickets and related disorders
Osteogenesis imperfecta
Osteopetrosis
Other genetic bone diseases
Disorders of calcium and phosphate metabolism
Hormonal disturbances and bone

Bone Disorders Secondary to other Diseases, such as:

Cancer
Diabetes, growth hormone deficiency and other endocrine disorders
Gauchers
Kidney disease
HIV deficiency

Diagnostics:

Radiology
Biochemistry
Novel methodologies

Therapies:

Drug treatments
Physical activity
Nutrition
Fractures - Surgical interventions
Management of transition to adulthood

Work which has been previously presented may be submitted for presentation at the conference provided it has not been published as a full manuscript.

Programme

In addition to the programme posted [on the website](#), we've just added two evening symposia, both of which are open to anyone attending the meeting:

Saturday 22 June, Danone will present a session on **Vitamin D in Childhood and Adolescence**, with speakers including Nick Bishop (Sheffield, UK), Catherine Gordon (Boston, USA) and Zulf Mughal (Manchester, UK).

Sunday 23 June, Alexion will present a discussion of **Causes of Rickets and Hypercalcaemia**, with speakers including Nick Bishop (Sheffield, UK), Harald Jüppner (Boston, USA), Craig B Langman (Chicago, USA), and Martin Konrad (Münster, Germany).

Grants and Awards for New Investigators

There are several grants and awards to help with travelling, accommodation and registration costs.

We are delighted to confirm that we have managed to gain funding for up to 20 New Investigator Awards, in addition to Best Oral and Best Poster Awards.

To apply just check the box on the abstract form to indicate that you are eligible and then return the confirmation of eligibility form.

Our thanks go to Alexion, ASBMR, ECTS and IBMS for supporting the provision of these awards.

See [here](#) for more information about Grants and Awards.

We are excited to be organising this conference once again and look forward to receiving your abstracts. We hope to see you in Rotterdam!

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