Call for Pre-Conference Workshop Proposals

Our congress primarily focuses on the latest and best research related to connective tissues in the field of sports medicine. Pre-congress workshops will provide a forum for clinical practitioners to present and teach their methodologies and research questions in order to cross-educate other clinicians and stimulate new areas of inquiry by research scientists. In addition, new diagnostic or treatment tools or modalities can be demonstrated by leading experts in respective fields, which may be of interest to practitioners as well as researchers.

Individuals and groups interested in offering a workshop are invited to submit their proposals. Half and full day workshops are invited. **Half-day workshops will be given twice.** Proposals must be **submitted by 1 December 2012** at the latest to be considered by the Congress organizers.

Pre- Conference Workshops will be held on 11 April 2013.

Workshop Proposal Guidelines

Workshop presenters are strongly encouraged to emphasize relevant information as well as stress how their workshop is supported by current research literature. Submissions will be evaluated and selected by the Review Committee, which consists of key conference organizers. Selection will be based on scientific relevance and clinical perspectives in relationship to the theme of the congress.

Please submit proposals to <u>heike.jaeger@uni-ulm.de</u> specified as "Pre-Conference Workshop Proposal" no later than midnight 1st of December 2012.

Proposal must include the following elements in this specific order:

- 1. Workshop title.
- 2. Presenter's professional qualifications (CV), affiliation, and contact info.
- 3. Purpose of workshop and learning outcomes.
- 4. Workshop description (200 words maximum, not including references). Include between 2 and 10 references to research findings or research articles relevant to the workshop presentation.
- 5. How, specifically, does the workshop content relate to theme of the conference?
- 6. What are the cross-disciplinary applications?
- 7. Workshop schedule. Provide a detailed outline including times and subtitles, including breaks. Remember to incorporate a portion of time for discussion incorporating current research.
 - In case you are offering a half-day workshop, then you will have to run the same

schedule twice (morning/afternoon), each time with different participants. In this case you have the *option* to conduct your workshop once in English and once in German. If this is what you suggest, please clarify this in your proposal. (Notice: full day workshops will have to be in English language only).

8. Logistics

- Maximum number of attendees that can be accommodated (minimum is 24).
- Planned Demonstration(s).
- Whether you would need an electronic projector (beamer) and/or flip chart provided
- If the participants should bring instructed to bring specific clothing or specific tools with them (yoga mat, blanket etc.)?
- What kind of seating arrangement if any you would need? Notice, that we can provide chairs and if needed seminar tables as are used in a university seminar environment. Any additional equipment, such as treatment tables, you would need to provide yourself. Available seminar rooms are not carpeted, and usually have hard floors for university type class teaching.

Review Process

All proposals will be acknowledged upon receipt. Proposals will be peer reviewed and selection of workshops will be final. Final decisions will be sent to the submitter as soon as the selection process is completed. All presenters are required to register for the conference.

Selection Criteria

Relevance: importance of topic, adherence to the theme, interest potential purpose, content, organization and method of presentation

Appropriateness: format, participant involvement **Ability to meet objectives:** expertise of presenter

Promotion

- Workshops will be announced on the conference registration website.
- Workshops will be summarized on promotional reminders that will be widely distributed prior to the conference.
- Workshop presenters are welcome and encouraged to promote the workshops themselves

Fees for Presenters

Workshop presenters will be offered reduced (student) registration rates, and two nights lodging. Profits after real costs associated with the venue, will be split equally between the presenter and the hosts. Costs will include location fees, AV equipment hire fee, refreshment provision and a €75 organization fee. There will be a minimum of 24 attendees needed for a course to run.

Fees for Delegates

Registration for the pre-conference workshops will be available to conference attendees

for an additional fee (full day workshop \in 120, and \in 65 for half-day workshop). Those planning to attend the workshops will be asked to indicate preference(s) at time of registration.

Venue

Campus of Universität Ulm, Albert-Einstein-Allee 11, 89081 Ulm, Germany.

The organizers of "Connective Tissues in Sports Medicine 2013" RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT, REJECT AND AMEND ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS.