August 20, 2017

Dear Colleagues:

Good day!

The Philippine Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery will be conducting an International Research Contest as one of the events during the 10th International Symposium on Rhinosinusitis and Nasal Polyps (ISRNP) to be held in conjunction with the 61st PSO-HNS Annual Convention in Manila this November 29-December 1, 2017.

In line with this, may we invite your institution to participate in this academic activity and get a chance to present at the said conference. Only papers on RHINOLOGY, RHINOPLASTY, and SLEEP MEDICINE will be accepted. The DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 20, 2017, kindly email to 10sympo.sinusitisnp@gmail.com. Please see the attached guidelines for further details.

Kind regards,

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. GENERAL RULES
1. This contest aims to stimulate the Resident Physicians and Consultants of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery to write Scientific Papers in the fields of Rhinology, Rhinoplasty, and Sleep Medicine.
2. The contest is open to all Resident Physicians and Consultants of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery of all hospitals in the world.
3. There is NO LIMIT as to the number of papers Resident/Consultant Physician may submit.
4. The research must have been made in the past three years.
5. Papers submitted must not have won any prize in any National or International Scientific Paper Contest nor been published/accepted for publication/submitted for publication anywhere else. Papers that were presented, either oral or poster, but otherwise not published/accepted for publication/submitted for publication are eligible.
6. The winners will receive certificates and cash prizes as follows:
   • 1st Prize USD 1,000
   • 2nd Prize USD 500
   • 3rd Prize USD 250
7. Papers will be pre-screened and qualifying papers will be presented during the 10th International Symposium in the Recent Advances of Rhinosinusitis and Nasal Polyposis to be held in Manila on Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, 2017.
8. The International Research Contest will not push through if there are less than 8 official entries. To be considered official, the author/representative must duly register and pay for the convention, and comply with the submission requirements of the manuscript.
9. These rules and regulations may be modified from time to time upon the approval of the Research Committee.
10. Follow the Instructions to Authors found at http://journal.pso-hns.org/instructions-to-authors. Please disregard instructions 1, 4, and 5; only instructions 2 and 3 apply.

B. MECHANICS
1. The papers must be submitted to the Research Committee Chair on or before OCTOBER 20, 2017 by emailing to 10sympo.sinusitisnp@gmail.com.
2. The final five (5) papers will be chosen by the screening committee. The finalist papers will be sent to the appointed Board of Judges. The Criteria for pre-judging are:
   - Significance or relevance of the research 20%
   - Originality 10%
   - Documentation 20%
   - Research discussion, style, approach 20%
   - Subtotal: 70%
3. Announcement of the finalists will be on November 10, 2017.
4. Actual Scientific Research Paper Presentation is on December 1, 2017. The research paper presentation will comprise 30% of the final score. The criteria for the actual paper presentation are:

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5. In case the author will not be available during the actual presentation, the co-author can represent and do the presentation.

6. Presentation is seven (7) minutes. Each of the judges may ask two (2) questions each. The decision of the judges is FINAL.

**C. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES WILL MERIT AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**