The AAPS Annual Meeting provides the ultimate forum for work in Plastic Surgery. Papers from the following categories of Plastic Surgery will be considered with emphasis on cutting edge breakthroughs in the field: Aesthetic, Breast, Craniofacial/Pediatrics, Head & Neck, Research, Education, Trunk & Extremity, & Other. The Program Committee is looking to create a broad and balanced program, but most of all we urge you to save your best and most thoughtful work for this prestigious meeting. Equal consideration will be given to aesthetic and reconstructive surgery papers.

Please carefully note the abstract deadline of Sunday, October 16, 2016 11:59 pm EST.

All submissions must be authored, co-authored, or sponsored by a Fellow of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

To insure the excellence of our scientific program, papers submitted for presentation at a meeting of the AAPS cannot have been presented at any other national meeting as an oral or poster presentation or published in any journals. Exceptions to this policy are the Plastic Surgery Research Council and at local/regional meetings.

Presentation Format and Descriptions

**Full Oral Presentation:** Delivered in full Scientific Session, PowerPoint slides support. The Presenter is allowed 6 minutes for presentation with 2 minute discussant questions/feedback followed by 4 minutes of Questions and Answers with the audience.

*PLEASE NOTE: Residents are allowed to present full length oral presentations only if the senior author is present during the session.*

**Short Oral Presentation:** Delivered in the Innovations scientific session. The goal of the short format is to provide a forum for sharing novel ideas, techniques, case presentations, and research findings related to Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The Author is allotted 3 minutes for this “Straight to the Point” presentation format. There will be very strict time limits and “No Questions” at the podium. All authors in this session ascend and depart the stage in rapid succession with additional discussion and questions taking place off the podium at the back of the room.
**Poster Display Only**: Selected posters will be on display throughout the annual meeting. No presentation is required. This poster should be self-explanatory.

**Resident Poster Competition Eligibility Requirements**
For abstracts to be considered as a part of the Resident Poster Competition, the author must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The Presenting Author is a Resident as of the abstract submission deadline.
2. They are the first author on the paper.
3. The Presenting Author will attend the Annual Meeting should the paper be accepted.

Any abstracts accepted as a participant in the Resident Poster Competition will be eligible for cash prizes.

**Abstracts not selected for the Resident Poster Competition Presentation are still eligible for inclusion within the general scientific program.** Only one abstract submission is necessary and multiple submissions may result in the abstract being disqualified from consideration.

**PRS Abstract Publication**
The AAPS is delighted to announce that for the 2017 Annual Meeting, our scientific abstracts will be published in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open (PRS GO). Full text abstracts for all accepted papers – Oral (Full Length and Innovations) as well as Posters – will be printed in the March 2017 issue of PRS GO, the online version. This exciting collaboration between the AAPS and PRS signifies the AAPS’ commitment to highlighting the high caliber work presented at our Annual Meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only the text of the abstract will be published in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Graphic and Tables submitted with the abstract will not be included but will be part of the AAPS online program.

This initiative has required us to alter our timelines to accommodate the PRS publishing schedule. As such, we ask you to note the following very important date:

**Sunday, October 16, 2016 – AAPS Abstract Submission Site Closes.**

*Due to the publication schedule, we will not be able to accept late abstract submissions, so everyone is urged to submit their work as early as possible.*