

## 62nd Annual ORCA Congress 2015

### General Information and Registration

The 62nd ORCA Congress will be held from 1 to 4 July 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. Further information about the congress and venue will be available at [www.orca2015.org](http://www.orca2015.org). Registration will be made through this website.

Abstracts must be submitted via the ORCA website (<http://www.orca-caries-research.org/>; see below for guidance). Abstracts cannot be submitted directly to the Editor.

### Letters of Invitation

If a participant requires a letter of invitation (e.g. to obtain a visa or to satisfy their institution's requirements), the ORCA Board will provide one on request. Please contact the Secretary-General, Dr. M. van der Veen ([m.vd.veen@acta.nl](mailto:m.vd.veen@acta.nl)) in good time. The provision of such a letter does not imply that travel expenses will be covered by ORCA.

### Information for Presenters

The abstracts for presentation at the 62nd ORCA Congress will be published prior to the meeting (online only) on the *Caries Research* homepage ([www.karger.com/cre](http://www.karger.com/cre)).

Abstracts should be submitted using the ORCA website (<http://www.orca-caries-research.org/>) before 11 Jan-

uary 2015. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their abstract early in February 2015 and at that time may be asked to revise their abstract. Any such revisions must be submitted no later than Friday 27 February 2015.

Presenters should note the following:

(1) The Congress focuses on research into dental caries and related topics.

(2) Abstracts must describe research that has not been published or presented already and has not been submitted to another meeting at the time of submission for the ORCA Congress.

(3) Authors may present only one paper at the Congress, but may co-author other papers.

(4) The presentation at the Congress should conform to the material in the published abstract. If a mistake is discovered after submission, please contact the Editor to discuss prepublication revision. Major revision of abstracts is possible up to the end of February, and minor revisions (e.g. correction of numerical values) up to the end of March. If revision is not possible, the poster should fully explain the reason for any deviations from the abstract, either in the results or in the conclusions.

(5) Presenters who are not ORCA members should submit their abstract in the usual manner and send a supporting statement signed by a senior member of ORCA ('sponsor') to Prof. David Beighton ([david.beighton@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:david.beighton@kcl.ac.uk)).

(6) Those who submit an abstract are committed to present the paper in person at the Congress. In the case of a non-member of ORCA, it is the sponsor's responsibility that this requirement is met. Presenters should:

- ensure that they will have the necessary funds to attend the Congress;
- apply for any necessary visas in good time, to ensure that they can travel to the Congress to present their paper;
- ensure that any abstract describing commercially funded research has been approved by the funding company before submitting it.

(7) Abstracts must be written exactly according to the instructions given below.

(8) All presentations will be in poster form.

(9) Abstracts cannot be withdrawn after 13 March 2015. If an abstract is not withdrawn by that date, and the paper is not presented, neither the named presenter nor their sponsor will be allowed to present any paper at the following ORCA Congress.

### Instructions for Authors of Abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted via the ORCA website, not via e-mail. Log on to [www.orca-caries-research.org](http://www.orca-caries-research.org) and follow the links. The abstract and supplementary material (see below) should be submitted by the end of 11 January 2015.

Presenters will be asked for the following items:

- (1) Surnames and initials of the presenting author, corresponding author and other authors.
- (2) The e-mail address of the corresponding author.
- (3) Brief affiliations of authors (institute, city, country only).
- (4) Title of abstract. This should be 15 words or less.
- (5) Text of abstract. This should state the aim of the work, the experimental approach, the main results, and the conclusions. The results should include key numerical and statistical data, but do not attempt to report data exhaustively. The conclusions should be explicit. Vague expressions such as 'the results will be discussed' could result in rejection of the abstract. The text should not exceed 280 words. Include references only when they are absolutely essential and follow an abbreviated *Caries Research* format, but omitting the authors' initials and the title, and using 'et al.' for multiple-author works. Example: [Main et al.: J Oral Rehab 1983;10:307–313]. Tables, photographs, graphs or diagrams are not allowed.
- (6) Acknowledgement of sources of funding.
- (7) A 25-word summary of the abstract. This should not reiterate the aim of the study but should summarize the conclusion.

(8) One or two of the following key phrases, which are required to assist programming: *clinical studies; de- and re-mineralization; dental plaque; diagnostics; diet; epidemiology; erosion; fluoride; hard tissues; microbiology; pulp-dentinal reactions; caries risk assessment; saliva and pellicle.*

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### ORCA Nathan Cochrane Junior Scientist's Award

The ORCA Nathan Cochrane Junior Scientist's Award, inaugurated in 2007 as the Young Investigator's Award, is intended to encourage young researchers. The prize winner receives a certificate and is entitled to receive reimbursement of the congress fees of a future ORCA Congress.

Applicants for the ORCA Nathan Cochrane Junior Scientist's Award must present a poster at an ORCA Congress and have to fulfil the following criteria:

- (1) have not more than 5 international publications identified in Medline on the day of the deadline for abstract submission for the next ORCA Congress;
- (2) be aged 35 or under on the last day of the ORCA Congress;
- (3) be present on the closing ceremony of the ORCA Congress;
- (4) not be a previous winner of the ORCA Young Investigator's Award or Junior Scientist Award;
- (5) must be the first author of the presentation;
- (6) presentation must not be a review.

Presenters enter the competition by ticking the appropriate box when submitting their abstract via the online submission system.

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### ORCA Prize 2015

Nominations are invited for the ORCA Prize 2015.

Nominations for the ORCA Prize 2015 are received by the Prize Committee between 1 March 2014 and 31 December 2014.

This prestigious prize is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of dental caries research. Only ORCA members can make nominations for the prize but nominees need not be ORCA members. Moreover, there are no restrictions on nominees with respect to age or seniority, and persons who have previously been nominated unsuccessfully can be renominated. The main qualification is a body of original published

work in caries research, but this may be supported by a record of active promotion of caries research in other ways. The chairman of the Prize Committee will be Professor Helen Welton.

Each nomination should be supplemented by a 'brief statement of the reasons for nomination' (i.e. a suggested citation), a curriculum vitae including a listing of 'the body of original published work', the field(s) in which the nominee predominantly works or worked, and the location where he/she did so. Please send your nomination to the chairman of the Prize Committee: Professor Helen Welton; e-mail [h.welton@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:h.welton@leeds.ac.uk).

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### **ORCA Committee for Stimulation and Promotion of Research into Caries**

This Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-President, aims to stimulate and facilitate research related to the aims of ORCA:

(1) through periodic summer schools held in association with the ORCA Congresses;

(2) by helping organize summer schools or symposia in countries where cariology is developing or where ORCA is not yet present;

(3) by funding and advising young researchers from countries where cariology is developing or where ORCA is not yet present.

Announcements relating to these activities will be made each year in issue 5 of *Caries Research* as well as by other methods. Proposals for summer schools should be addressed to the Vice-President: Prof. Dr. Vita Machiulskiene, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Clinic of Dental and Oral Pathology, Eiveniu 2, LT-50009, Kaunas, Lithuania (e-mail [vita.maciulskiene@lsmuni.lt](mailto:vita.maciulskiene@lsmuni.lt)).

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### **ORCA Conference Travel Fellowships**

These fellowships will be available in 2015, to assist attendance at an ORCA Congress. Researchers in the field of caries or related subjects will be eligible, and preference will be given to workers from underprivileged countries. Each fellowship will have a value up to EUR 1,200 as a contribution to costs of attending the Congress.

The applicant should prepare either:

(1) an abstract of research results, prepared according to the 'Instructions for Authors of Abstracts' (see above), or

(2) a proposal for a research project to be carried out by the applicant. The proposal should have a clear aim and describe the methods to be used. The project should be original work, to be executed in their own institute by the applicant and young co-workers. The research should potentially lead to a publication in an indexed journal.

Finally applicants should have an adequate mastery of English because, if successful, they will discuss their proposal with experts 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 the home institution; (4) a description of the applicant's present position and current research work. It is strongly recommended that those who wish to apply ask advice as early as possible from the Committee for Stimulation and Promotion of Research into Caries: Prof. Dr. Vita Machiulskiene, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Clinic of Dental and Oral Pathology, Eiveniu 2, LT-50009, Kaunas, Lithuania (e-mail [vita.maciulskiene@lsmuni.lt](mailto:vita.maciulskiene@lsmuni.lt)).

Applicants should submit their application by 11 January, 2015 to the Secretary-General: Dr. M. van der Veen, Department of Cariology, Endodontology, Pedodontology, Microbiology, ACTA, Gustav Mahlerlaan 3004, NL-1081 LA Amsterdam, The Netherlands (e-mail [m.vd.veen@acta.nl](mailto:m.vd.veen@acta.nl)). Applicants who wish to present an abstract should *also* submit it via the website.