



Barth Syndrome Foundation  
9<sup>th</sup> International Scientific, Medical & Family Conference  
July 16-21, 2018  
Clearwater Beach, FL

## ABSTRACT-POSTER GUIDELINES

### Submission Criteria

- ◆ Abstracts must contain material relevant to Barth syndrome. The work described may cover basic research, clinical studies, or case reports.
- ◆ Abstracts should present previously unpublished information or offer new insight into existing information. Abstracts may also contain data that enhance oral presentations given at this or previous conferences.
- ◆ The author must also include a disclosure statement that outlines financial support or affiliation with any organization that may have a direct interest in the subject matter.
- ◆ Abstracts must be submitted in English.

### Submission procedure and deadline

- ◆ **Abstracts with completed application forms must be submitted to Matthew J. Toth at [matthew.toth@barthsyndrome.org](mailto:matthew.toth@barthsyndrome.org) by **May 15, 2018**.** Please allow several days before the deadline to resolve questions or problems. NO extensions will be granted.
- ◆ Applications must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents.

### Content

- ◆ Abstracts should follow the format outlined below:

***Title:***

Use a concise title that describes the content of the poster.

***Background/Objectives/Issue/Case:***

Provide a brief introduction to the topic. Outline the background, study objectives, hypothesis tested, problem/need addressed or case described.

***Methods/Project:***

Describe either the methods/approach used for scientific research or the project/case presented for programs, interventions or observations.

***Results:***

Present data/specific information and summarize the results.

***Conclusions/Lessons learned:***

Articulate the conclusions and/or outline lessons learned. Explain their implications.

## Authors

- ◆ Correspondence will be with the submitting/presenting author only, unless otherwise requested.

## Format

- ◆ The body of the abstract (not including the title and author listing) may contain up to 500 words, and should be in font size of 12 points. All concepts and abbreviations should be defined at first use.

## Declarations

- ◆ Some general guidelines:  
Trade names may be used only in the methods section of the abstract.  
No poster may be used to market products or services.  
All financial support must be acknowledged at the time of submission and at the time of presentation.

## Review process

- ◆ All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by members of the Scientific and Medical Advisory Board of the Barth Syndrome Foundation (BSF). Outside reviewers also may be used. The Conference Organizing Committee (COC) will select the abstracts to be presented as posters and will make recommendations about travel stipends, if requested by the presenting author, to the BSF Board of Directors. The BSF Board of Directors will make the final funding decisions. The following criteria for the posters will be used:
  1. Originality -- Presents a new investigation, an unexplored relevance or an interesting extension of previously examined data.
  2. Importance and Impact -- Demonstrates the potential to make a significant contribution to the understanding and/or treatment of Barth syndrome.
  3. Relevance to Barth syndrome -- Explores a topic currently known to be relevant to Barth syndrome or suggests the potential for new areas or avenues of exploration.
  4. Justification of Conclusion -- Describes a scientifically-appropriate research design or a well-documented clinical observation that leads to the conclusions stated.
  5. Clarity -- Uses logical organization, succinct wording and understandable charts/tables.
  6. Determination of stipend request – Shows that the travel support requested is consistent with the applicant's need and also with the desirability of having the poster presented at BSF' 2012 Conference.
- ◆ Presenting authors will be notified of the final selection decisions by email on or before **May 22, 2018**.

## Conference Registration

- ◆ Presenting authors must attend the Barth Syndrome International Conference at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida on **Thursday, July 19, 2018**.
- ◆ Conference registration information may be found on-line at: [www.barthsyndrome.org](http://www.barthsyndrome.org) .

## Display of poster presentations

- ◆ Posters are expected to be on display throughout the Conference, but presenters are requested to stand by their posters during the poster presentation session scheduled for **Thursday, July 19, 2018**. Easels will be provided.
- ◆ Complete information concerning poster presentations will be included in the abstract acceptance email.

## **Oral Presentation**

- ◆ For the 2016 Conference, four poster presenters will be selected each to present a 15-minute talk on **Friday, July 20, 2018** at the Scientific-Medical sessions. Therefore, it would be advantageous for every poster presenter to prepare no more than five (5) PowerPoint slides in the event that he/she selected at the Conference for this oral presentation.

## **Abstract publication**

- ◆ In accepting BSF's invitation to present a poster, the authors assign publication rights to the BSF. The posters (or the abstracts of the posters) may be published in the Barth Syndrome Journal and/or on-line at the BSF's web site.

## **Travel Funding**

- ◆ Some travel funding will be available for several poster presenters. Travel awards, up to US \$800 each, will be given on a competitive basis. Completion of an additional form is required to apply for this funding. Funding awards will be determined by the BSF Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the COC regarding the importance and relevance of the poster's content as well as the described need for funding. We particularly encourage young investigators (including doctoral and post-doctoral students) to consider applying for this feature of the program.

## **Any questions about the submission of abstracts please contact:**

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