

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
16th Biennial Conference of the
Society for Menstrual Cycle Research
“Ovulation
Bellwether of Women’s Wellbeing”



June 7-9, 2007
Vancouver, B.C. Canada



This is a multidisciplinary conference for women’s health scholars, health care providers, advocates, writers, students, artists, and others interested in the menstrual cycle and ovulation. We are interested in submissions that involve research, theory, public policy, health care, clinical applications, and education related to:

- ◇ Physiological, sociocultural, psychological, or cross-cultural aspects of the menstrual cycle and ovulation
- ◇ Sexual and reproductive health
- ◇ Anovulatory Androgen Excess (AAE) or Polycystic Ovary Disease (PCOS)
- ◇ Fertility awareness, menstrual & perimenopausal cycle charting

Contributions from a variety of fields are welcome:

behavioral and social sciences
health sciences
humanities

fine arts
medicine
nursing
education

life sciences
population studies
community activism

Postmark Submission Deadline
February 14, 2007

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Conference Presentations

Please submit abstracts for three types of presentations.

Proposal cover sheet can be found on line at

www.menstruationresearch.org and www.cemcor.ubc.ca

1) Paper submissions are individual presentations of 15 minutes in length with 5 minutes for discussions that will be grouped thematically as space allows and will be organized in the same format as symposia. Chairpersons will be appointed by the program committee. There will be no discussants.

2) Symposia are theme-based paper sessions lasting one hour and a half. Four papers, each 15 minutes in length will be presented and there will be 30 minutes for discussion. A chairperson/discussant introduces the presenters and encourages interchange between presenters and participants. The discussant summarizes and comments for 10 minutes of the 30 minutes designated for discussion. We encourage submissions of organized symposia complete with the theme/topic, chairperson/discussants, paper presenters and order of the talks.

3) Poster presentations are formats that allow for extended discussion of the presentation with the author(s). Posters are prepared with information that can be read from a short distance (two to three feet).

Other types of submissions may be acceptable. We would welcome a workshop on journal writing, grant writing, or women's health advocacy. Please contact the Program Chair with your suggestions.

Please note:

The Society will award a prize to the best paper submitted by a graduate or undergraduate student. Judging will be by members of SMCR Board. The winner will be announced at the banquet.

For Further information about the program, please contact the Program Chair:

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Abstract Guidelines

Abstract Format

Abstract submission form on line : www.menstruationresearch.org or www.cemcor.ubc.ca

Abstracts should be 250 words maximum, typed and single spaced on 8.5" X 11" paper, with margins of 1 inch on the top, right, and bottom, and 1.5 inches on the left. Laser or ink-jet printed documents are preferred.

The title of your presentation should be in capital letters, preferably in bold (otherwise underlined) and centered at the top of the page. Center your name and affiliation below the title. Do not include the name(s) of the author(s) within the content of the abstract. List the funding source at the end of the abstract, if appropriate.

Symposium abstracts should be sent as one submission. The first abstract should describe the symposium overview, followed by abstracts for each presentation.

Abstract Content

Abstracts with data must include: purpose, background, sample, methodology, analysis, and results or projected results of the research. For abstracts without data, include introduction, purpose, and conclusion. Please label each section. No paper related to women's reproductive & sexual health will be excluded.

Abstract Submission

Please submit the completed Proposal Cover Sheet, (found on line at **www.menstruationresearch.org or www.cemcor.ubc.ca**)

along with one abstract that includes the name(s) of the author(s) and affiliation(s), and three anonymous copies (without name(s) and affiliation(s)) to the address listed on the **Proposal Cover Sheet**. The abstracts will be printed for distribution at the conference. You will be notified by email of receipt of your abstract and if it has been accepted .

Please be sure to have your correct email address on the Proposal Cover Sheet.

A proceedings will be published after the conference. You will be required to submit a complete manuscript for printing within one month after the June meeting. Format guidelines for the manuscripts will be forthcoming.

Conference Registration & Scholarships

Conference Registration and prices will be available shortly on line.

Limited scholarship and travel grants are available to graduate and undergraduate students. Further information about applying for aid will be available soon on the Registration website.

Who/ What/ When/ Where!

The conference will be taking place from June 7-9, 2007 on the 548 acre, spectacular campus of University of British Columbia.

◇ Our theme is “Ovulation—Bellwether of Women’s Well Being.” This will be the first time in the 32 year history of SMCR that the focus has been ovulation. This conference is being hosted by the Centre for Menstrual Cycle and Ovulation Research at the University of British Columbia and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. It will be held on the UBC campus where a range of attractive, inexpensive and very convenient accommodations are available.

What does the “Ovulation Bellwether” theme mean? First ovulation has to do with cycles in which an egg is released. As you know, cycles that are perfectly regular can be either ovulatory or anovulatory. “Bellwether” describes the goat wearing the bell and thus predicting the location of the flock. Therefore, this implies that ovulation predicts women’s well being. “Well being” refers to women’s health in the broadest terms: social, physical, emotional and spiritual. The characteristics of ovulatory versus anovulatory cycles are poorly described. So are the health and experience changes associated with ovulatory versus anovulatory cycles. This is our chance to look more broadly than flow and cycle lengths at the changes within cycles and their relationships with women’s experiences and health. Presentations on topics pertaining to women’s reproductive health apart from the conference theme are welcome and all will be blindly reviewed.

◇ A range of attractive, inexpensive and very convenient accommodations are available on the UBC Campus. We have reserved a limited number of choice rooms expressly for SMCR conference attendees, ranging from private suites to shared dorm accommodations, so please register early to avoid being disappointed. We have a special code for registration: G70606A. Online registration can be done from the link at www.cemcor.ubc.ca.

Or you can call 604-822-1000 extension 3 or use 1-888-822-1030 for people outside of the Vancouver area. Use code G70606A to get your special rate for those reserved rooms.

◇ UBC is the largest university conference facility in Canada. The campus itself is 10 km from downtown and about 20 minutes by car from the airport. The city and campus are both very accessible by transit. The campus has recreational facilities for all tastes ranging from swimming pools to the University Golf Club. Pacific Spirit Regional Park, with over 763 hectares of forest and shore surrounds UBC: it has an impressive 35 km of walking trails. UBC also has one of North America’s premier museums; the Museum of Anthropology. Also, there is a Botanical Garden which includes Native, Alpine and Japanese. Everything on campus is just a short walk from your accommodations.

◇ If you are from the United States and a visitor to Canada, be aware of the new policies at the border regarding identification. Passports are required, when returning to the United States, as of January 8, 2007. All persons, including citizens of the USA, traveling by **air** between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport, Air NEXUS card, or U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marine Mariner Document. Please check US Department of State website for the most up to date information.

◇ Conference Registration will be available online shortly.

◇ See SMCR website www.menstruationresearch.org or CeMCOR website www.cemcor.ubc.ca For printable abstract submission forms, posters and registration information.

We look forward to seeing you here in Vancouver.