



# CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

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## ABSTRACT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

**Deadline to Submit: November 16, 2009**

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Submit your abstract online:

<https://www.goeshow.com/assh/annual/2010/symposium.cfm>

### SYMPOSIA OVERVIEW

A *Symposium* is the ideal presentation format to discuss important issues and emerging trends in the industry. Symposia are presented periodically throughout the general sessions and should last no longer than 45 minutes (including time for a Q&A). Symposia topics range from the very specific (e.g. Nonsteroidal Inflammatory Medications, Complications of Distal Radius Fractures, Post-Traumatic Elbow Contracture) to a more broad topic and focus to match a specific Annual Meeting theme (e.g., Innovators, Surgeons as Leaders, Ethics in Hand Surgery, etc.)

Topics that have been very popular in past years are those that take the attendee beyond formal training and offer practical ideas that are readily applicable to today's practice such as "Pearls and Technical Tricks" and "What the Books Don't Say About..." Debates, panel discussions and audience interaction work well for these sessions. The theme for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is "*Embracing Excellence: Making a Difference.*"

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Hand Society does not pay for any meeting relating costs for presenters, including hotel, travel or registration fees. Special arrangements to cover lodging and/or meeting registration fees for special presenters must be made in advance and receive approval from the Program Chair(s).
- All presenters are required to register and pay to attend the conference. Speakers who intend to ONLY participate in their session and will not be claiming CME credit may attend their specific activity without registering but cannot attend other sessions without registering.
- EACH faculty member of a Symposium will be required to submit a handout. One group handout may also be submitted in place of individual handouts. Handout guidelines and deadlines will be provided at the time of acceptance.
- If you have moderated a Symposium in the past you are required to re-submit your content for consideration to have your program repeated.

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- All submitted abstracts may be edited and published by the ASSH

### **ABSTRACT CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

Symposia proposals should include a specific and interesting title, a single-sentence educational goal for presenting the symposia, and a brief description of how the symposium is going to communicate its objectives in forty-five minutes. Symposia abstracts must also include a lineup of proposed talks, speakers and the length of each presentation. No more than four (4) faculty members, including any moderators, should be contacted and confirmed as potential participants prior to submission of your abstract.

Incomplete symposia abstracts that do not include all required information, including speaker lineup and topic assignments will be rejected without review by the committee.

### **TENTATIVE DEADLINES & SCHEDULES**

The Hand Society reserves the right to change and revise the following deadlines. All deadlines are in effect at 11:59 PM (central) on the day it is posted.

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| Symposium Submission Deadline    | November 16, 2009 |
| Accept/Reject Notifications Sent | January 2010      |
| Handouts Due                     | July 2010         |
| Presentation PowerPoint Due      | September 2010    |

**Ready to submit?**

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