

Peer-review information and acknowledgements for ACC-RAC 2016

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This is the 23rd meeting of the scientific, peer-reviewed presentation section of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC) Educational Conference, now a part of the ACC-Research Agenda Conference (ACC-RAC). A past article has served to explain the mechanism by which papers submitted to ACC-RAC are sent for review and are later accepted, assigned to presentation or poster status, or rejected.¹ This year is no different, save for one change. Dr. Claire Johnson stepped down after many years of admirable service to ACC-RAC, and I was asked to step in and help coordinate the peer review process. Thanks to her long-time service, this is a task made easy, in that so much of the process was already in place.

When a paper is submitted to ACC-RAC, we check to see that all the required elements are in place. Have you submitted the correct abstract and extended abstract, in the correct format? Did you include your ethics approval for human subject research, institutional care and use committee approval for animal research, and appropriate patient permissions for a case report? Until we have all those elements, we hold the paper for review. As we complete all the files, we use the Open Journal System for review. Well over 200 people have volunteered to act as reviewers, and each one provides a list of areas in which he or she has expertise. The system then matches a submitted paper to a reviewer with the requisite expertise and allows up to 5 or 6 reviewers per paper. This year we had close to 200 papers submitted, and each one was sent to either 5 or 6 reviewers; thus, there were nearly 1200 reviews conducted.

The reviews are aggregated, as are the scores. The system then provides us a list of scores, which we can rank order. Clearly, those with the highest scores are those that are likely to be accepted. A committee then looks over the list of papers to ensure that it is proper. Papers are assigned to be poster or presentation based on several factors, including author request (where possible) and coverage of given topics (eg, if we have several papers about low back pain, there may be room on the schedule for only 1 paper session on that topic). The decision to be a poster or a presentation is not made lightly, and whether your work is one or another is not a comment on its quality. All accepted papers are of good quality, whether poster or presentation. All reviews were done blind.

Workshop sessions are determined by a committee that reviews proposed workshops and then looks at the theme for the year as well as topic coverage. We had twice as many submissions as we could take this year.

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