

The Stress Epidemic: New Connections between Etiologies and Disease

Call for Speaker Proposals

The OAND Convention 2012: *The Stress Epidemic: New Connections between Etiologies and Disease* will run November 16 to 18 in Toronto, Ontario. The OAND Convention is Canada's largest annual naturopathic medicine event.

The OAND invites interested speakers to consider sharing your research, knowledge and experience by submitting a proposal to present a session at the 2012 Convention. Presentations must focus on clinical innovations and best practices, emerging research, or any other topic that is going to be relevant and important to Ontario NDs, preferably fitting within this year's theme, *The Stress Epidemic: New Connections between Etiologies and Disease*. **It is important to ensure that proposals cover relevant research, treatment protocols, and case studies wherever applicable. NDs consistently value presentations that include practical applications they can use with their patients. We are very interested in receiving proposals that demonstrate efficacy in the treatment of patients.**

This year for the first time we also want to run specific streams at the convention in the following areas related to convention theme: environmental medicine, mind/body medicine, chronic disease management, paediatrics and PT. We ask that you consider submitting a convention proposal that fits in one of these categories if possible. We will also consider proposals that do not fit inside one of these streams.

Presentations are 1.5 hours in length and are formatted as both plenary and breakout sessions.

Terms of the Speaker Sponsorship Agreement:

- Sponsored speakers who are practicing in Ontario must be a member of the OAND
- Sponsors will cover all fees and arrangements associated with the speaker, including speaker's fee, travel and accommodations.
- Convention presentations are non-commercial. Product/brand solicitation and promotion is strictly prohibited.
- Speaker sponsors will be recognized in all convention promotional materials.
- Sponsored speakers are invited to attend the full convention at no charge.

Proposal Deadline: February 1, 2012

Proposal Format: Proposals must include a brief speaker bio (in narrative format, not bullet points), as well as an overview of and title for the presentation. Please include a contact name, phone number, mailing address and email address. We have included a **sample proposal formatted for your reference (see attached)**. Please note that due to the volume of proposals, we cannot accept incomplete proposals. You can use the sample proposal to fill in the details of your presentation.

Your proposal should clearly outline how your session will advance naturopathic knowledge and practice, including which modalities of naturopathic medicine will be covered in the treatment options. Advanced or specialized topics that may be most appropriate for a break-out session are strongly encouraged.

Please provide a detailed outline of the CE credits your session would qualify for, based on the enclosed BDDT-N CE Policy. Please note that a 1.5 hour presentation will qualify for 1.5 CE Credits – you should select one or more modalities outlined in the BDDT-N CE Policy, based on the proportion of modalities to be covered in your talk (e.g. your talk might qualify for 1.5 credits in Pharmacology, or maybe 0.5 Pharmacology, 0.5 Lifestyle Modification and Counseling and 0.5 Botanical Medicine).

Preference will be given to presentations fitting within this year's theme, *The Stress Epidemic: New Connections between Etiologies and Disease*; however, all proposals will be reviewed and considered by the Working Group.

Please submit your proposal in Microsoft Word format via email so that it can be easily shared during the review process.

Proposal Review Process: The OAND Continuing Education Working Group will review proposals received by the submission deadline date. Following the review process, proposal applicants will be notified as to whether or not their proposal has been selected for presentation (notification deadline: **March 30, 2012**). It is at the discretion of the OAND to schedule presentations as plenary or breakout sessions.

Draft presentations will be required in advance, and will be reviewed to provide speakers with advice, where appropriate, to ensure the session meets the needs of attendees.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit your proposal by email or by mail at the following address by **February 1, 2012**:

Email: marketing@oand.org

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(If submitting by mail, please include a digital copy on CD)

If you have any questions regarding this call for proposals, please contact Ronda Parkes, Director of Marketing at 416-233-2001 ext. 228 or by email at ronda@oand.org.