

51st Annual North American Meeting of the Paleopathology Association
HYBRID MEETING – March 18-20, 2024
Los Angeles, CA

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PORTAL OPENS OCTOBER 15 (12:01 EST)
ABSTRACT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2023 (11:59 PM EST)

The 51st Annual North American Meeting of the Paleopathology Association will be held **in hybrid format**. For planning purposes we need to know at the time of abstract submission whether you wish to present in-person or virtually.

This year's abstracts will be published as a supplement to the *IJPP* (similar to the AABA Annual Meeting special issue of the *AJBA*). All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the Program Committee to ensure the abstracts:

- Contain a clear statement of purpose.
- Provide essential unpublished new information.
- Include the results of the research presented.
- Address the relevance of the study to paleopathology.

Therefore, please ensure that you:

- Prepare the abstract according to the guidelines (which can be found on the [PPA Annual Meeting webpage](#)).
- Avoid self-plagiarism by not submitting abstracts submitted for previous meetings or conferences.

We will not accept abstracts that have already been submitted to this year's AABA meeting!

Deadline for abstract submission is November 15, 2023 at midnight EST. If you have any questions about abstract guidelines or submission, please contact Megan Perry at ppa.vicepres@gmail.com.

Final notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be emailed to the first author by January 1, 2024.

Conference registration will open on January 15, 2024.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS:

The abstract submission form can be found here: [PPA Abstract Submission link](#)

Be sure to completely fill out information on each author, including their primary institution (no city, state, or country needed), and indicate your preferred presentation format and if the paper or poster will be considered for a Cockburn Student Award or an IJPP Early Career Award (information on these awards can be found here: <https://paleopathology-association.wildapricot.org/Awards>). Please make sure that your title only has the first word of the title, proper names, or first word after a colon capitalized.

The text of the abstract can be submitted either by entering the text directly into the form or uploading it in a .docx file. **The abstract text should be no more than 250 words** and not include any tables, figures, or references. You may include a funding statement at the end of your abstract (limit 30 words). Abstracts must include the aims and objectives of the research, materials and methods, brief results, and discussion. It is understood that more theoretically-oriented presentations may not fit this typical structure.

You will receive an automated confirmation email once your abstract has been submitted. If you do not receive this confirmation email within 24 hours after submitting your abstract (and you have made sure that it is not in your spam folder), please email ppa.vicepres@gmail.com.

Individuals may be first author on ONE abstract only.

CONFERENCE FORMAT:

Poster presentations: all posters will be uploaded to the ePosters system **no later than 1 week** before the beginning of the conference, along with an *optional* 3 minute video summarizing your poster

- **Virtual** poster discussion will take place in the ePosters online system in a virtual format during scheduled periods during the conference
 - If you are presenting a **virtual** poster for an **IJPP Early Career Award** poster you **MUST** present your poster live during the conference at a time to be arranged closer to the conference date.
- **In-person** participants presenting posters should be at their poster during their scheduled poster session to handle questions. They also can engage in discussion with virtual attendees before and during the conference via the ePosters online system.
- Poster dimensions and additional information about uploading to ePosters will be available soon on the PPA website under “Meetings”

Podium presentations: All presentations will be 15 minutes total (12-minute presentation + 3 minutes for questions).

- All presenters will have a short **practice session** arranged with our meeting platform hosts well before their scheduled presentations
- **Virtual** presenters (besides those vying for the IJPP Early Career Award, see below) must pre-record their presentation and send it to the meeting platform hosts no less than 24 hours before their scheduled presentation. They should also “attend” the session in order to answer questions from the virtual and in-person attendees
- All **podium** entries for the **IJPP Early Career Award** (both virtual and in-person) will be presented live

Please note that we will make our best effort to consider a virtual presenter’s time zone when arranging the conference schedule.