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### **Call for Papers for the 2017 AOPA World Congress**

WASHINGTON, DC – December 6, 2016 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), its international partner organizations, and the 2017 Planning Committee have announced the Call for Papers for the AOPA World Congress to be held September 6-9, 2017 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. O&P practitioners, researchers and business managers currently have an opportunity to advance their careers, improve patient care, and gain international recognition with high-quality education presentations at the World Congress.

“The National Assembly always features the best business, clinical, and technical educators in the United States and adding international talent will surely take the program to a new level. We have 11 countries represented on the Planning Committee alone, so we expect to see the brightest minds in O&P from around the world in this year’s education program” said Christopher Nolan, Co-Chairman of the 2017 World Congress Planning Committee.

The Committee is accepting abstracts for Clinical Free Papers, the Technician Program, Business Education Program, and Symposia, in addition to a special Student/Resident Poster Submission category. AOPA has a list of topics of special interest, including osseointegration, public health topics, CAD/CAM, alternative payment methods, and more. The submission deadline for Clinical, Technical, and Symposia is March 1, 2017. The Business submission deadline is February 1, 2017.

[Interested presenters can learn more on AOPA’s website.](#)

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#### **About AOPA**

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded in 1917 when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the profession.

#### **About the World Congress**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> AOPA World Congress will be held in lieu of the AOPA National Assembly, which is the country’s oldest and largest meeting for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession. The AOPA World Congress will be September 6-9, 2017 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. AOPA has partnered with the United States National Member Society of ISPO (USISPO),

ConFairMed, Uniting Frontiers, Amputee Coalition, Orthotics Prosthetics Canada and Mexico National Member Society of ISPO. The World Congress will be held in conjunction with AOPA's Centennial Celebration. More information is at <http://www.aopanet.org/education/aopa-world-congress/>.