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Call for Papers for the 2018 AOPA Assembly

WASHINGTON, DC – December 7, 2017 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) and the 2018 Assembly Planning Committee have announced the Call for Papers for the AOPA Assembly to be held September 26-29, 2018 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Practitioners and health professionals, researchers, technicians and business managers have an opportunity to advance their careers, improve patient care, and gain international recognition with high-quality education presentations at the AOPA Assembly.

“Every year, the education program gets stronger and our attendees benefit from the expertise of a diverse group of presenters. We have always been known for our high quality business education, but we have such outstanding clinical and technical programs that this is a show that has it all. Presenting at the AOPA Assembly is a great way to share your work and gain recognition while contributing to the profession” said Traci Dralle, Co-Chair of the 2018 Assembly Planning Committee.

The Committee is accepting abstracts for Clinical Free Papers, the Technician Program, Business Education Program, Symposia, and Pedorthic Program. AOPA has a list of topics of special interest, including upper limb prosthetics, plagiocephaly, osseointegration, public health topics, CAD/CAM, alternative payment methods, and more. **The submission deadline for all submissions is March 1, 2018.**

Interested presenters can learn more on AOPA’s website.

**Questions?** Please contact Lauren Anderson, AOPA’s Manager of Communications, Policy, and Strategic Initiatives at 571/431-0843 or landerson@aopanet.org.

**About AOPA**
The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) is a national trade association committed to providing high quality, unprecedented business services, education and products to O&P professionals. Since our founding in 1917, we have worked diligently to establish ourselves as the voice for O&P businesses. Through government relations efforts, AOPA works to raise awareness of the profession and impact policies that affect the future of the O&P industry. AOPA membership consists of more than 2,000 O&P patient care facilities and suppliers that manufacture, distribute, design, fabricate, fit, and supervise the use of orthoses (orthopedic braces) and prostheses (artificial limbs).

**About the AOPA Assembly**
The AOPA Assembly is the oldest and largest meeting for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession in the Western Hemisphere. The 2018 AOPA Assembly will be September 26-29, 2018 at the Vancouver Convention Center in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. More information is at http://www.aopanet.org/education/13072-2/.