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RE: Abstract #739218

Dear Dr. Wells,

Thank you for submitting your abstract for review and consideration of presentation to the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) in Phoenix, Arizona. Unfortunately, your abstract for poster entitled "Torture Experiences of Prisoners Held in North Vietnam" has not been accepted. This year we had many abstracts of excellent quality and content and just could not accept all of them.

Your abstract was reviewed by a panel of peers with appropriate expertise who are on the AsMA Scientific Program Committee. For your information, I have provided some representative reviewer comments below:

"The focus of the abstract (and poster) is on the specific 'types of torture' used on prisoners of war by North Vietnam. This does not seem appropriate to an aerospace medicine scientific meeting. An analysis of the effects of torture on long term health, flight safety, or an aviation career, would be more relevant. The specific attribution of "marked brutality" to a named nation is not a valid learning objective for a scientific meeting."

I sincerely hope that you will be attending the meeting in Phoenix for AsMA's 81st Annual Meeting. The meeting schedule is full and looks very exciting. There will be presentations dedicated to space medicine, current concepts in aviation safety, recent research in fatigue, color vision, advances in human factors research, aeromedical transportation research, history of space medicine, international language presentations, and many more.

If I can be of assistance or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at john.s.crowley@us.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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Scientific Program Committee Chair