

Abstract content and structure

Required subheadings

Your abstract should contain information under the following **subheadings**:

- **Title**
- **Background information** (Why is your work important? Does it fill any gaps in knowledge or research? What is the context?)
- **Purpose** (What are the objectives? You may include a short statement of your hypothesis.)
- **Method** (Explain your methods, such as study design. What was done, by whom, how and where? What measurements were taken and how were the data managed?)
- **Results** (What did you find, discover or achieve? Not just in subjective terms, but also in the form of data. How significant were your findings?)
- **Conclusion** (What were your overall findings? What do they mean? How could the methods be improved? Is this work part of a bigger piece of research or strategy? What are the suggestions for future work?)
- **Topic area** (Refer to the areas listed in the call for abstracts and select the most appropriate so that the congress organizers can place your abstract in the appropriate session.)

Submitting your abstract

- Abstracts must be submitted using the online abstract form.
- Paper or emailed submissions will be rejected.
- Be sure to select the topic area for your abstract from according to our enlisted categories.
- Abstracts must be no more than 300 words (including spaces), excluding the title and excluding the name(s) and institutes/companies of the authors and co-authors.
- All co-authors must be listed.
- Abstract titles should not include phone numbers, email or website addresses.

Overall layout for Poster

Most posters are laid out in the following segments:

- **Title** (Identical to the title of abstract; since some people may choose to visit your poster based on the abstract. See also below)
- **Author(s)** Names and affiliations
- **Introduction**
- **Aims**
- **Method**
- **Results**
- **Conclusions** (Keep in mind that the first thing most viewers will do is look for and read your conclusion so, make sure the conclusions section of your poster is easy to identify and read.)
- **References**
 - Use a smaller font size.
 - Reference only the most relevant articles related to the work and/or on the work's background and methods used.
- **Contact details** (e.g. email, phone number)
- **Acknowledgements** (These are optional but they should appear in smaller font size.)