



## POLICIES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

### Call for Abstracts

We encourage work that introduces new ideas and conceptualizations, research and understandings to the field. Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

Abstracts can only be submitted online via a congress user profile; submissions by fax, post or email will not be considered. You will need to create an online user profile, but you need not pay the registration fee to be able to submit an abstract.

All abstracts must be written in English. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact in the abstract text will be reproduced as typed by the author. Abstract titles will be subject to a spell check if the abstract is selected for presentation.

### Policies for Abstract Submission

#### Copyright Policy

Abstracts should not include libelous or defamatory content. Material presented in abstracts should not violate any copyright laws. If figures/graphics/images have been taken from sources not copyrighted by the author, it is the author's sole responsibility to secure the rights from the copyright holder in writing to reproduce those figures/graphics/images for both worldwide print and web publication. All reproduction costs charged by the copyright holder must be borne by the author.

#### Resubmission Policy

An abstract which has been previously published or presented at a national, regional or international meeting can only be submitted provided that there are new methods, new findings, updated information or other valid reasons for submitting that can be provided by the author.

If preliminary or partial data has been published or presented, the author is required to indicate the details of the publication or presentation as well as the reasons for submitting the abstract to the 6<sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress. This information will be considered by the Congress Programme Committee when making final decisions.

If the author neglects to indicate the details of when and where the preliminary or partial data has been published or presented, and the reasons for resubmitting (new methods, new findings, substantially updated information or other valid reasons), and if evidence of previous publication or presentation is found, the abstract will be rejected.

## **Plagiarism**

The congress organizers regard plagiarism as serious professional misconduct. All abstracts are screened for plagiarism, and when identified, the abstract and any other abstracts submitted by the same author are rejected.

## **Congress Embargo Policy**

In the case of the 6<sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress, as with most scientific congresses, all congress abstracts are released to delegates and media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of the embargo variations for different types of abstracts is available below. All regular delegates, presenters and media are asked to respect this policy.

- **Oral Abstracts**

Information about the oral abstracts may not be published or presented before the start of the session at the 6<sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress in which the abstract is being presented.

- **Poster Exhibition Abstracts**

Information about the poster exhibition abstracts may not be published or presented before 10:00am (CEST) on 29 October 2020.

## **Abstract Submission Process**

### **Congress User Profile**

Before submitting an abstract, a Congress User Profile needs to be created for the submitting and presenting author. One or several abstracts can be submitted from the Congress User Profile. After an abstract has been created, modifications can be made until the submission deadline.

### **Choosing a scientific topic**

The scientific topic is the topic under which your abstract will be reviewed and later published in the congress printed matters if accepted. During the submission process, authors will be asked to select one scientific topic for the abstract. The scientific topic which best describes the subject of the abstract should be chosen.

### **Abstract Structure**

Submissions that do not meet the following abstract structure requirements will not be taken into consideration. Abstracts under all topics and without exception should be structured and formatted as follows:

#### **Background:**

Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analyzed or evaluated;

#### **Methods:**

Describe the setting/location for the study, study design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used;

#### **Results:**

Present as clearly and detailed as possible the findings/outcome of the study, with specific results in summarized form.

#### **Conclusions:**

Briefly discuss the data and main outcome of the study.

## **Social Media**

The One Health Platform may wish to report on your contribution to the 6<sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress via Social Media. Provide a 250 characters tweet that summarizes the main message of your work. The One Health Platform will add the following hashtag: #WOHC2020. Please also provide the twitter name of the submitting and presenting author.

## **Font**

A standard font, e.g. Arial, should be used when formatting the text. This helps to prevent special characters from getting lost when copying the text to the online abstract submission form. Ensure to check the final abstract with the system's preview function before submission, and edit or replace as necessary.

## **Word Limits**

The abstract text body is limited to 450 words. Titles are limited to 30 words. A maximum of three tables and three graphs/images can be included: a graph/image (in JPG, GIF or PNG with ideally 600 dpi) counts as 50 words and a table counts as 10 words per row. Tweets will not be included in the total word count.

## **Submission Confirmation**

After submission of the abstract, a confirmation email will be sent to the abstract submitter. In order to receive this important communication, please ensure that emails from *WOHC2020@conftool.com* are not considered as spam by your e-mail provider.

## **Abstract Review and Selection Process**

### **Abstract Review**

All submitted abstracts will go through a blind peer-review process carried out by an international reviewing committee. Each abstract will be reviewed by at least two reviewers.

### **Abstract Selection**

Final selection of abstracts will be done by members of the Congress Programme Committee. The highest-scoring abstracts will be selected for oral presentation. The majority of the remaining submissions will be displayed in the Poster Exhibition.

### **Notification of Acceptance or Rejection to Corresponding Author**

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting (corresponding) author. Please note that only the corresponding author will receive mail concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of the abstract. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will receive instructions for the presentation of their abstract. In order to receive these important communications, please ensure that emails from *WOHC2020@conftool.com* are not considered as spam by your e-mail provider.

### **Rule of One**

Each presenting author may present only one abstract at the congress. The number of submissions is however not limited. Should an author have more than one abstract accepted for presentation, a co-author must be named as presenting author for such abstracts.

## **Publication of Accepted Abstracts**

Your abstract, if accepted, will appear in its full form in the abstract book (electronically available).

## Call for Late Breaker Abstracts

Late breaker abstracts present data gathered after the regular abstract submission deadline has closed that is of unquestioned immediate significance. The Congress organizers also added an extra session on SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19, specifically calling for abstracts on

- Pathogenesis and clinical manifestations
- Virology and epidemiology
- Intervention strategies (diagnostics, vaccines, antivirals, antibodies and biological response modifiers)
- Clinical and outbreak management

The deadline for late breaker and COVID-19 abstract submission is 18 September 2020, 23:59 CEST.

## Questions

Technical questions regarding the abstract submission system should be addressed to the abstract support team: <https://worldonehealthcongress.org/contact/contact-us>