IPOS 2023 Call for Abstracts

Abstracts can be sent from 28th November 2022 • Abstract Submission deadline date 28th February 2023

The International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) is now accepting abstracts for symposia, oral presentations, and posters for the 24th World Congress which will be held in Milano, Italy on 31st August to 3rd September 2023.

The conference theme is: Championing our Patients’ Future Through Collaboration and Innovation in Psycho-Oncology.

It will be a unique opportunity for those wishing to submit abstracts for presentation. You will be provided the option to present in-person.

This conference brings together key stakeholders including multidisciplinary professionals from nursing, psychology, psychiatry, social work, spiritual care, nutrition, medicine, rehabilitation medicine, occupational health, and radiation therapy for both adult and paediatric populations.

Together, we seek to explore, share, learn, and discuss psychosocial and physical aspects of cancer. Participants include clinicians, researchers, educators in cancer care, patient advocacy organizations, community-based organizations, and patient representatives.

Patients, caregivers, and family members are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts about their role in managing cancer experiences and care.

We invite abstracts on a wide range of topics in cancer care and stages of disease ranging from prevention and early diagnosis to treatment and survivorship, to palliative and end-of-life care. Submissions can be reports of observational studies and clinical trials, innovative programs and service delivery models, systematic reviews, study protocols, clinical guidelines and best practice and local, regional, national, and international approaches to build capacity in research, education, and clinical care. Patients as co-presenters are encouraged. Patient oriented content is also encouraged.

Abstract Regulations & Guidelines

With the submission of an abstract to IPOS 2023, the first author (submitting author):

• Accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the submitted abstract.
• Confirms that all authors are aware of and agree to the content of the abstract and support the data presented.
• Confirms the abstract is not under review for presentation or publication elsewhere and has not been previously presented or published in its most current format.
• Gives permission for the abstract, when selected for presentation, to be published in the Congress proceedings.
• Confirms that the presenting author will register by 1st June 2023 and attend the Congress. Abstracts of authors who have not registered for the Congress by this date will not be included in the program or publication.

The International Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject those abstracts which do not follow these guidelines or may request a revision by the presenter prior to acceptance.
**Presentation Types:**

**Poster Presentation** consists of 80 x 100 cm display presentations for completed work or work in progress. Abstract submissions for poster presentations should follow the prescribed clinical or research format (see below). At least one author of the accepted poster abstracts must be present at their posters during an assigned session to allow for dialogue with participants. Poster sessions may run concurrently with other sessions.

**10-minute rapid oral presentation** consists of 5-minute presentations followed by 5-minute Q/A’s for in-person submissions. Grouped with other like presentations, this format is best suited for recently started projects or projects (Clinical or Research) being contemplated. This is a great option for attendees who want to present their study protocol/preliminary results or trainees who seek feedback on their research proposal/preliminary results. Abstract submissions for rapid oral presentations should follow the prescribed clinical or research format. Abstracts should include 2 – 3 questions for which authors are seeking feedback.

**20-minute individual oral presentation** 20-minute presentations are best suited for completed work. Abstract submission for clinical or research presentations are welcome. Presenters should plan for 15-minute presentations and 5 minutes for Q&A. Abstracts for consideration as oral presentations must follow the format specified below under the “Abstract Type” section. Submitting authors must specify the abstract theme under which the work is to be considered.

**90-minute symposium** 90-minute symposia consist of three oral theme-focused abstract presentations facilitated by a discussion led by a moderator. The symposium submission will take the format of one Chairperson (submitting author) who will act as the moderator, with three presenters in total. The symposium submission will consist of one summary abstract which overviews the symposium theme and the three individual detailed abstracts, one for each proposed presentation. The entire symposium presentation will be 90 minutes in total. Individual symposium abstracts can follow either the “clinical” or “research” format.

**Steps:**
- The moderator creates the symposium in the online abstract system which includes moderator information, symposium title and the summary abstract. This can be done by selecting the symposium link on the [IPOS2023 website](#).
• The individual authors enter in their abstract by following the link in the email received from the moderator. Once entered they follow the prompts to link the abstract to the appropriate symposium.

Symposium abstracts that appeal to an international/cross-cultural audience will be given highest priority.

**Submission formats**
In order to be considered, an abstract must follow the following guidelines:

• Abstract titles should be brief (maximum of 30 words) and should reflect the content of the abstract.
• Commercial names may not be used in the abstract title.
• No more than 10 authors can be listed.
• Professional title, institutional affiliations, cities, and countries for each author should follow.
• Abstract text is required for all symposium, podium, and poster submissions.
• Abstract text should be submitted in structured paragraph format organized.
• Please pay attention to spelling and accuracy as what is entered cannot be modified at a later date.
• Submissions must follow either the **clinical or research format** and **either format can present patient-oriented content**.

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Prior to submitting an abstract, please make sure that you have the following information available:
Abstract Title
Name, City, and Affiliation of all Authors
Presenting Author
Submission Type
Theme
Abstract Text
Abstract submission is in text format only. Abstracts must be submitted under one of the predefined topics and type must be indicated. Upon submission a confirmation will be emailed to the email of the account holder.

Please note: This email is a confirmation of abstract submission and NOT a notice of acceptance.

Abstract Themes (Research and Clinical)

Abstracts will be accepted for the following themes:

**Innovation**
- New technologies (eHealth, mHealth, teleHealth, Predictive Models)
- Implementation science (translational psycho-oncology, implementation models, organisational readiness for change)

**Education**
- Health promotion and cancer prevention (Integrative cancer care, Psycho-neuroendocrine immunology and cancer progression)
- Cancer treatment-related symptoms and toxicity management (psychosocial symptoms, sexual health, cardiotoxicity, neurocognitive monitoring and rehabilitation)
- Palliative and end-of-life care
- Health and disease in the people who care (cancer family system’s and health professionals’ wellbeing; health professionals’ burn-out)
- Communication in cancer care

**Equity**
- Environment, Equity and Economy
- Ethics and decision making in cancer care (Risk perception and communication; shared decision making; Decision support; Decision aids; Patient and Stakeholder Preferences)
- Patient’s advocacy and community care services

**Measuring efficacy**
- Cost-effectiveness and Value-based medicine (Economic evaluation of psychosocial services in cancer)
- Assessment instruments and research methods in cancer care
- Engagement and adherence to cancer treatments
Sustainable Psychology

- Empirically supported treatments
- Informational e-handouts
- Connected Health
- Survivorship and Quality of Life

Presentation Language
The official language of IPOS 2023 is English.

Abstract Selection Process
Abstracts will be judged solely on the following criteria.
• Significance and Relevance
• Innovation
• Approach and Findings
• Implications
• Clarity

The IPOS 2023 International Scientific Committee will select abstracts for orals, poster, and symposia presentations by 31st March 2023. The submitting author will receive an email with the decision of the Scientific Committee. If a selected author cannot attend, the presenting author should assign a replacement. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reallocate abstracts as necessary. All presenting authors must register for the full conference.

For abstract enquiries, please contact: abstracts_IPOS2023@mzevents.it