



ABSTRACT GUIDELINES FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Please follow the abstract guidelines. Please ensure that the presenting author completes the abstract submission. Abstracts must be submitted by **Friday 17 April 2015 (midnight –10GMT)**.

Note: Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible. Scholarships are available and preference will be given to those who do submit abstracts, however authors should ensure they are able to fund their own travel if need be.

Conference tracks for presentations

Theme	Explanation
Basic science	Laboratory-based research about STIs and reproductive tract infections. Includes microbiology, virology, immunology, genomics, microbiomics, diagnostic test development
Clinical science	Research informing clinical management of patients. Includes clinical trials, clinical practice improvement interventions, clinical audits
Epidemiology	Research about the epidemiology of STIs Includes observational studies (cross-sectional, case-control, cohort), population-based screening studies, surveillance reports, investigation of STI outbreaks
Social policy, behavioural change, psychosocial or psychosexual issues related to sexual health	Social policy, behavioural change, psychosocial or psychosexual issues related to sexual health Includes qualitative research, health economics, health promotion/health education, legal and ethical research about STIs and sexual health



Types of Presentations

Authors should state a preference for oral or poster presentation, and address the abstract to one of the four conference tracks above.

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
ORAL PRESENTATIONS	12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes question time	Original research in any of the conference tracks, especially if the findings are novel, controversial, or will change practice. Presentations addressing similar themes will be grouped together in sessions for each conference track.
POSTER PRESENTATIONS	Permanently displayed during the Conference	Posters can present research in progress, confirmatory findings, case reports and case series. Poster viewing sessions will take place over the course of the conference for delegates to discuss the posters with their authors.

Abstract Preparation Guidelines for all presentations (Oral and Posters)

All abstracts must be submitted in ENGLISH

- Use the abstract template from the website
- Use Arial 12 point type only
- Use single spacing only
- Format - Microsoft Word (.doc or *.docx) files only
- Leave one line between paragraphs
- Specify all abbreviations in full at the first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Use the abbreviation thereafter
- Check abstract thoroughly for spelling and grammar
- Do not include references



All abstracts must include:

TITLE: in capitalised in **BOLD** at the top of the abstract (**maximum 25 words**)

AUTHORS:

- Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper
- Use surname followed by initials (do not use full stops or commas between surname and initials)
- Omit degrees and titles
- Include affiliations for each author. Use superscript numbering *after* the author's name and after the comma separating authors to indicate affiliations

BODY OF ABSTRACT: **maximum 300 words**, with the following headings:

- **Background:** study objectives, hypothesis tested, or description of problem
- **Methods:** method used or approach taken
- **Results:** in summarised form, must include data but do not include tables, graphs or pictures
- **Conclusion:** description of main outcomes of the study. Include knowledge or insight that conference attendees will gain from the presentation, explanation of how conference attendees can apply the skills and/or knowledge within their communities.

Note: If the body of the abstract is more than 300 words it will be rejected.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

ISSTDR and IUUSTI recognise the considerable contribution that industry partners make to professional and research activities. We also recognise the need for transparency of disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by acknowledging these relationships in publications and presentations.

Please state any commercial contributions received that are relevant to this work. This statement **WILL NOT** count towards the 300 word limit.

Note: If accepted into the program you will be requested to include a Disclosure of Interest slide in your oral or poster presentation.

Please view the sample abstract on the conference website.

Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be favoured at review if they incorporate:

- Original data
- Rigorous methods appropriate to the study objectives
- Clearly reported results
- Conclusions that extend existing knowledge



In balancing the program the committee may require authors to present their work in an alternate format (e.g. as a poster rather than oral presentation).

Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the delegate portal. You will be required to enter:

- Preferred track
- Preferred presentation type
- Authors' names (underline the presenting author and their contact details - address, telephone and email).
- Authors' affiliations
- Abstract title
- Abstract as a word document (maximum 300 words) plus a disclosure of interest statement
- Short biography of presenter (maximum 50 words). This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes and may be published in conference literature
- Audiovisual requirements

Please contact the Conference Secretariat if you are unable to submit your abstract via the website or if you have any queries.

By submitting an abstract all authors agree to release the licence to the Conference organisers and give permission to publish the abstract in the conference handbook and on the website, and in so doing certify that the abstract is original work.

The link to the online registration submission system will be available on the conference website abstract submission page.

Conference Registration

Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible.

All presenters (including posters) will be required to register for the conference by **Friday 31 July 2015**. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program and their abstract will be removed from the handbook.