

## How to submit an abstract?

- Abstracts can only be submitted electronically through the online system at: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/login?redirect=/stages/960/submission>  
Hard copy abstracts (sent by fax, email or post) will NOT be considered.
- As a first-time user, you will need to register. Please enter your email address. The system will ask you to create your account.
- Log in to the [submission system](#). To log in, enter your email address and the password you chose when you first registered with the system (see 2).
- You will be taken to a screen from which the submission process starts. Please read the instructions on this screen carefully.
- Should you want to submit several abstracts, you have to login each time you want to submit an abstract.
- Please contact the administrator by email ([nancy.habils@escrh.eu](mailto:nancy.habils@escrh.eu)) if you have any problem with this process.

## Typing and other instructions

- Abstracts must be written in English.
- The abstract must fit into the abstract frame (max. 400 words).
- Type the title of the abstract in the first textbox.
- Do not enter names of authors or affiliations in the abstract template as your abstract needs to remain unidentified (blinded) to the reviewers. As you will need to enter this information elsewhere online, the system will make the correct link between your name etc. and your abstract.
- Preferably do not include references.
- The text of the abstract should briefly state:
  - Objective(s): indicate the purpose of the study or the hypothesis that was tested.
  - Design & Methods: include the setting for the study, the subjects (number and type), the diagnosis or intervention, and statistical analysis.
  - Results: present as clearly as possible the outcome of the study and statistical significance if appropriate.
  - Conclusions: briefly discuss the data and emphasise the significance and possible impact to SRH.
- Type the text of the abstract using the full width of the document.
- Avoid the use of symbols.
- Standard abbreviations are accepted in the text. Unusual ones should be in brackets after the word first appears. Do not use abbreviations in the title.
- Please ensure that your abstract does not contain any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific facts.
- You will be asked to declare any conflict of interest.

## **Procedure and general policy**

- Original scientific material is welcomed and can have been previously published.
- Abstracts presented at local, regional or national meetings may be submitted.
- Abstracts must reach the online system not later than 1 November 2021. Receipt of the abstract will be confirmed.
- You may be the first author of up to two abstracts.
- Authors will need to indicate their preference on the online form: oral communication only, poster only, either oral or poster.
- Authors who wish their abstract to be considered for the best free communication, best poster presentation or for the Young Scientist Award, should indicate this on the online submission form. If there is no indication, it will be assumed the author does not want their abstract to be considered for a prize.
- Abstracts will be evaluated (blind) by at least two referees.
- Confirmation of acceptance or rejection by the Scientific Committee will be mailed to the author. Detailed practical information regarding the presentation will be included in the confirmation.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts of the Congress on the ESC Website.
- Authors are urged, if not native English speakers, to have their abstract read and corrected by someone fluent in that language. The writing style of the abstract will be checked by the publisher and the necessary amendments made. In view of the deadline for publication, it will not be possible to submit the aforementioned amendments for authors' approval.
- Presenting authors, whose abstracts are accepted for presentation, must register for the congress and pay the (early) registration fee. In the case of 'no show' at the time of the congress, the author may be blacklisted for the next congress.

## **Abstract marking**

All abstracts will be marked according to the following categories: design and scientific merit, originality, needs analysis, significance and possible impact on SRH. A similar process will be followed for marking free communications and posters.

## **Topics for Free Communications and Posters:**

- Cultural and ethnic diversity in a changing Europe
- Contraception – all aspect
- Sexual health and sexual infections – all aspects
- Reproductive health pertaining to contraception and sexual health
- The role of: sexual Identity: gender; sexual orientation; pornography; FGM; sexual dysfunction
- The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on sexual health services and provision
- Medico-legal issues; women's, men's and children's rights; ethics
- The use of the Internet in social media; knowledge; education; self-testing; internet governance; data protection; telemedicine
- Service provision: roles and responsibilities of different health care professionals; new ways of providing services
- Psychosexual and mental health aspects of contraception, sexual and reproductive health
- Innovations, new discoveries and therapies in contraception and sexual and reproductive health
- Abortion - all aspects
- Contraceptive and sexual and reproductive health education and training of healthcare providers, users, family and friends – all aspects

## **Awards**

If you wish your abstract to be considered for one of these awards you must detail this on the application form.

- The Young Scientist Award (1 year ESC membership and diploma) will provide a special platform for oral presentations by young scientists. New abstracts submitted for this award **MUST** be written and presented by the first author who should be under 35 years of age at 25th May 2022 and in a training, or a non-professorial, non-consultant grade.
- Some abstracts will be selected as Free Communications (FC) and will mainly be Incorporated Into the congress sessions although some separate FC sessions may be held. These will be assessed for the FC award (1 year free membership and diploma).
- Authors for the best poster award (1 year free membership and diploma) will be asked to make their poster presentation during designated lunch time and break sessions.

The Best Poster Award, the Best Free Communication Award and the Young Scientist Award for will be awarded during the Closing Ceremony.

**Still have questions? Contact: [nancy.habils@escrh.eu](mailto:nancy.habils@escrh.eu)**