

74<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of Occupational Health

Indian Association of Occupational Health, VADODARA OCCUCON—2024 31st January 2024 to 3rd February 2024

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION and GUIDELINES CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR PRESENTATION AT OCCUCON 2024

Scientific Committee invites you to submit quality abstract in the field of Occupational Health at its 74<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Occupational Health from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 organised by IAOCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, Vadodara Branch. Only accepted abstracts will be presented.

**Theme: "Multi Stakeholder collaboration - Key to the advancement of Occupational Health"** Focus on problem, prevention and control of occupational illnesses, accidents, and injuries at workplace especially in the informal sector in India. This campaign aims to integrate occupational health and safety with wellbeing so that employers have motivated workforce. Our aim is to engage allied organisations nationwide in a campaign which augment knowledge and capacity through Basic Occupational Health Services. This will help to cut down on occupational accidents and diseases by investing in a healthy and motivated workforce.

This Conference would incorporate multiple sub themes including Basic occupational health services, Agriculture Health, Occupational Diseases and Human Health, Occupational Hazards, Current issues in Occupational Health and Safety, Human factors and Ergonomics, Occupational Psychology, Mental Well-being at Workplace, Integrated approach to Occupational Health and Hygiene, Integration of Occupational Health with workplace, Wellness and life style management programs, Indoor Air Quality and Health, Industrial Hygiene, Legislative aspects of Occupational Health, Learning from Best Practices, etc., Stress Management in Workers, occupational health and Safety in Mining, Musculoskeletal Disorders, Occupational Dermatoses, Occupational cancer, Occupational Nursing, Occupational Toxicology, occupational health and CSR, occupational Health health for Health Care Workers, Accident prevention, Education and training in occupational health, Accident Prevention, Aging and Work Allergy, Immunotoxicology, Cardiology in occupational health, Disaster Management and Emergency preparedness, Ergonomics, Emergency Response in occupational health, Epidemiology in occupational health, Work life balance, Policy developments and interesting clinical cases. We encourage work that introduces new ideas and concepts, research, and understandings to Occupational Health field, as well as analysis of both successes and failures

## **Abstract Submission and Deadline**

Abstracts can be submitted electronically by providing all necessary details and certification. Acknowledgement of the receipt of abstract submission will be sent to the presenting author's e-mail upon submission. Last date for abstract submission is **30**<sup>th</sup> **October 2023**. Please mention on top Type of presentation Oral/Poster.

# **Oral Presentation Guidelines**

Time for oral presentation of each Scientific Paper will be restricted to 9 minutes, with additional 1 minutes for Q&As.

# Guidelines

Please carefully read the abstract guidelines below before submitting an abstract:

- The abstract must be written and presented in English
- All persons desirous of presenting papers must have registered for the conference.
- Abstracts must contain original data and should meet ethical standards.
- Only one abstract may be submitted by the presenting author
- Previously published and presented abstracts cannot be submitted.
- The abstract title must have the first letter of each word capitalized.
- Tables and graphs should not be included in the abstract.
- References (maximum of 2) can be included in the body of the text.
- Standard abbreviations may be employed in the text. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full wording at the first time in the body of the text.
- These abstracts must present information that is significant to clinical, translational or basic science, uses appropriate study design, analytical methods and statistical methods and is clearly and logically written.
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correctly edited and accurate abstract. Abstracts will be rejected if they contain no data or if the English is unacceptable. All submitted abstracts and presented material are properly cleared for public release.
- Abstracts reporting should be structured to include Title, Authors & co-authors with designation & institution name, Keywords, Introduction, Materials & Methodology, Results, Conclusion and References sections.
- •Use a maximum of 400 words (excluding title, authors' name, keywords & references). It should be typed in double spaced A4 sized page and text should be typed in Arial/calibri (font size 12) in word format.
- It is inadequate to state "The results will be discussed" or "The data will be presented."

• The first author of the abstract is normally the presenting author, and he/she bears responsibility for the content of the abstract and presentation. If a presentation is to be given by someone other than the first author, the Scientific Committee Chairman must be notified and permission sought.

## **Notification of Acceptance**

Notification of acceptance/rejection will be emailed by the end of November 2022. The presenting author will receive all correspondence regarding the abstract status, presentation type, presentation guidelines.

## **Copyright Policy**

Abstracts should not include libellous 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.

## **Conflict-of Interest and Certification**

The highest standard of ethics must be employed in the conduct and reporting of studies to be presented at the Conference. There must be no commercial promotion of products or procedures. Authors are required to declare all non-governmental or non-academic support or funding (for example, business or commercial support) for the work upon which the presentation is based.

## Selection Criteria & Full Paper Submission

The abstract will be accepted as oral/paper depending on its merits. The decision of the scientific committee will be final in deciding merit of presentation. There would be no appeal on the decision of the scientific committee. If selected, full paper will be submitted to the scientific committee along with brief biodata of presenter at an earliest. Please mail your presentation in Powerpoint (windos-10 and MS office 2019) so that it can be preloaded in conference and hassle of changing laptop and compatibility of version can be avoided thus saving the precious time of presenter.

#### **Registration and Payment**

The presenting author must register for the Conference and pay the registration fee as early as possible after paper acceptance. Abstracts will be automatically withdrawn and will not be printed if the presenting author is not registered.

#### **POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES**

Posters have become an increasingly popular method for presentation at conferences, as they promote greater interaction between researchers, conference participants and judges. The purpose of poster presentation sessions is to showcase research work.

#### **Specifications for Poster Presentations**

• Poster displays will be limited to one side of tack board. The recommended poster size is 91.4cm x 121.9cm (36" x 48")

- Be sure to include the abstract title, author and co-author names and the institution(s) where research is underway. Place your e-mail address, and phone in the top corner of the poster board.
- It is suggested that you place multiple copies of a reproduction of the abstract. Include your contact information on these copies for attendees who desire further information.
- It is recommended that you hand-carry your poster to the conference using tubular packaging or a portfolio case. Pushpins/plastic tape will be provided to mount your poster.
- Refer to your acceptance letter and/or the final conference program for the time and location of your poster session and set-up time.
- The designated poster presenter (author or co-author) must be present at the assigned space during the designated time to discuss the work presented.

# **Tips for Poster Preparation**

- Posters should stimulate discussion, not give a long presentation. Therefore, keep text to a minimum, emphasize graphics and make sure every item included in your poster is necessary.
  - o Utilize handouts to supplement your poster.
  - o Goal for: 20% text, 40% graphics, 40% space.
  - o Make sure ideas flow logically from one section to the next.
  - o Use concise charts and graphs to illustrate data (avoid large tables of raw data).
  - o Use high resolution photographs (web images often will not work).
  - o Do not use all capital letters.
- The use of typewritten, handwritten or a printed PowerPoint presentation as a poster is unacceptable. Presentations in these formats will be removed.
- Be consistent for: margins, line spacing, colour, style, and thickness of borders.
- Pick no more than 2–3 fonts and no more than 2–3 colours
- Ensure readability: Title banner should be legible from 5 feet away (42 size font).

Body text should legible from 3 feet away (17 size font).