



## Call for Abstracts

We hereby invite you to submit an abstract to this innovative congress and welcome a range of submissions.

An attractive and highly stimulating scientific programme is planned by the respective societies, with cross-disciplinary and cross-cutting presentations from the fields of Anatomical Pathology, Oral Pathology, Virology, Immunology, Haematopathology, Clinical Biochemistry/Chemical Pathology, Medical Microbiology and Forensic Pathology. There will be a strong focus on molecular diagnostics and preventive/predictive diagnosis. Postgraduate students and other trainees will be given ample opportunity to present their research findings and discuss their work with their peers. A number of exciting educational workshops including biobanking are also being planned around the conference.

### Congress Theme

Rapid advances in technology and the subsequent changes in Pathology inspired the congress theme of “**Rejuvenating Pathology**”.

### Abstract Guidelines

Please prepare abstracts to include the following key elements, which will be outlined in the **Online Abstract Submission System**:

1. **Title:** The title should clearly and succinctly reflect the contents of the abstract. Avoid abbreviations.
2. **Authors and Affiliations:** Enter each initials, surname and institute.
3. **Background:** What was the problem and why was it important? What knowledge are you building on?
4. **Objective:** What was the intent or goal of the study? (What did you want to learn?)
5. **Method:** What was the design? Describe the sample. What instruments were used? How was the data collected and analysed?
6. **Results:** A summary of the results obtained (or anticipated), if pertinent.
7. **Conclusions:** The conclusions reached and/or recommendations made.

### Abstract Format

Language:	English
Font:	<i>Online Submission Standard System</i>
Spacing:	Single spacing in and between paragraphs
Title:	Max 20 words.
Text:	Max 350 words
Keyword(s):	Max 5

Please ensure that you proof read your abstract for grammatical errors prior to submission, to avoid such errors being reproduced in the Congress publications.

### Abstract Criteria for Acceptance

1. **Clarity:** The purpose/aims/objectives of the research presented are clearly described.
2. **Significance:** The research makes an important contribution and/or is of interest.
3. **Methods:** The methods used are appropriate to achieving the objectives of the study.
4. **Conclusion:** The discussion/conclusion is consistent with the identified findings.
5. **Presentation:** The abstract is logical, interesting, clearly written and free of errors.
6. **Research must not have been previously published.**



## Acceptance Formats

1. 10 minute Oral Presentation  
7min Talk, 2min Q&A, 1min Change Over  
**Power Point (PPT) Presentations Format: 16:9 (NOT traditional 4:3)**
2. 05 minute Virtual Poster Presentation  
3min Talk, 1min Q&A, 1min Change Over  
**Power Point (PPT) Presentations Format: 16:9 (NOT traditional 4:3)**
3. Virtual Poster Display  
Max 3 Slides  
**Power Point (PPT) Presentations Format: 16:9 (NOT traditional 4:3)**

### Important Notes:

- No printed Posters will be displayed at the congress.
- PPT formats may be converted to PDF, for publication purposes.
- You will have the opportunity to indicate your format preference during submission, however the abstract reviewers may allocate your submission to any one of the categories.

## Important Dates

DATE	ITEM	COMMENT
6 Apr 2018	Congress Registration Opens	
6 Apr 2018	Call for Abstracts	First call for abstracts
15 May 2018	<b>Abstract Submission Deadline</b>	
22 May 2018	Review Deadline	Results will be communicated by email.
28 May 2018	Early Bird Registration Deadline	
22 Jun 2018	Presenter Registration Deadline	<b>All accepted applicants must register for the congress.</b>
29 Jun 2018	<b>Presentation Time Slot</b>	The Scientific Programme will be finalized.

For operational reasons, dates & times may be subject to change