



# SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Sri Lanka Medical Association invites you to submit abstracts for the 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary International Medical Congress - 2018.

**The deadline to submit abstracts is 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 23:59 Sri Lankan Time.**

- All abstract submissions should be made electronically through our online abstract submission system (<http://conference.slma.lk/>).
- Hard copy submissions to the SLMA office will not be accepted.
- One author will be permitted to submit a **MAXIMUM of three (03) abstracts ONLY**.
- All authors of abstracts should be members of the SLMA, if they are eligible for membership.
- All research studies should have obtained ethics approval. All clinical trials should be registered with a Clinical Trials Registry. Authors should provide the letter of approval from an accepted Ethics Review Committee (ERC) for research studies and registration number for clinical trials, upon request.
- All the authors should declare any conflict of interests during their presentation at the congress.
- The SLMA considers plagiarism as serious professional misconduct. All abstracts are screened for plagiarism and when identified, the abstract and any other abstracts submitted by the same author will be rejected.
- The SLMA reserves the right to make alterations and to edit the contents of the abstract to improve the quality of presentation.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

#### 1. Creating an author profile

Before submitting an abstract, authors must register in the abstract submission system by creating an author profile online.

#### 2. Submitting an abstract

- (i) Log in to your author account.
- (ii) Enter the information requested in the system (Title, names and affiliations, presenting author, abstract text).

#### Guidelines

- The title of the paper should be concise and the SLMA reserves right to modify the title if necessary.
- The author(s) name(s) should be in the format of last name followed by initial(s). Please DO NOT use prefixes such as Mr/Dr/Prof. (E.g. Perera AB)

- Please DO NOT include the title, names of the authors, institutions, sub-headings or any tables/graphs/figures or references within THE body of the abstract. Only the text of the abstract should be included.
- The abstract must be structured as follows:
  - Introduction and objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
- The body of the abstract MUST NOT exceed 250 words.

(iii) Please select the relevant submission category (Eg: Dermatology, Family Medicine...etc) from the drop down list in the abstract submission form.

(iv) When uploading the abstract as a MS Word document, please format as below.

- **Title:** BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS
- **Authors:** Last name followed by initials, with the presenting author underlined. A superscript number should be placed after each name to refer to the respective affiliations. (eg.:- Perera AB<sup>1</sup>, Silva CD<sup>2</sup>)
- **Affiliations:** must be listed below the authors
- **Body of the abstract:** Structured with subheadings: Introduction and Objectives, Method, Results and Conclusions.
- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Font size:** 12, single line spacing

### 3. Important notices:

- Modifications to the abstract can be made until submission. Please note that NO amendments to the submitted abstracts (including the authors list) would be entertained after closing of submission.
- Abstracts not conforming to the above instructions will be rejected.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the Ceylon Medical Journal Supplement containing the abstracts.
- A panel of reviewers will review abstracts anonymously and the decision of the Scientific Committee will be final. Successful applicants will be notified via email by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.
- The presenting author is required to register for the sessions upon acceptance of the abstract.
- Please provide a name of a second presenting author (in case of a situation where the original presenting author is unable to attend).
- Failure to make a presentation (oral or poster) once participation is confirmed will be considered an episode of academic/scientific misconduct and the authors will be liable for punitive action.

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## AWARDS FOR FREE PAPERS AND POSTERS

The following prizes will be awarded for free papers and posters accepted for presentation at the 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary International Medical Congress 2018.

1. E. M. Wijerama
2. S. E. Seneviratna
3. H. K. T. Fernando
4. Sir Nicholas Attygalle
5. Wilson Peiris
6. Daphne Attygalle (Cancer)
7. Sir Frank Gunasekera (Community Medicine and Tuberculosis)
8. Kumaradasa Rajasuriya (Research Tropical Medicine)
9. Special prize in cardiology
10. The SLMA prize for the best poster
11. S. Ramachandran (Nephrology)

Please note that all submissions should be made electronically through the online abstract submission system. More details can be found on the SLMA conference website (<http://conference.slma.lk/>).

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Abstract submission deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 23.59 Sri Lankan Time**

**Abstract acceptance notification: May 2018**

**Registration for presenting authors: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Thank you!

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