

## Call for Abstracts

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

All submissions should be made electronically through the online abstract submission system (<http://conference.slma.lk/>). Hard copy submissions directly 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 in 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 are rejected.

The SLMA reserves the right to make alterations and to edit the contents of the abstract to improve presentation.

## Instructions for online abstract submission

### 1) Creating an author profile

Before submitting an abstract, authors must create an author profile online. Any number of abstracts can be created through the author profile but one author will be permitted to submit a MAXIMUM of three (03) abstracts ONLY. After an abstract has been created, modifications can be made until submission. Please note that NO amendments to the submitted abstracts (including the authors list) would be entertained after closing of abstract submission.

**The deadline to submit abstracts is 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 23:59 Sri Lankan Time.**

### 2) Abstract Structure

- The title of the paper should be concise and the SLMA reserves the right to modify the title where 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. (eg.:- Perera, AB)
- The body of the abstract MUST NOT exceed 250 words.
- The abstract must be structured as follows:
  - ↳ Introduction and objectives
  - ↳ Methods

↳ Results

↳ Conclusions

- Please insert the relevant category in the cage given in the abstract submission form.
- Please DO NOT include the title, names of the authors, institutions, sub-headings or any tables/graphs/figures or references within body of the abstract. Only the text of the abstract should be included.
- Please upload the abstract as a word document formatted according to the following specifications through the link provided in the online submission form
  - **Font:** Times New Roman, font size: 12, single line spacing
  - **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. Affiliations must be listed below the authors. (eg.:- Perera, AB<sup>1</sup>, de Silva, CD<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Body of the abstract:** Structured with the subheadings: Introduction and Objectives, Method, Results and Conclusion.

### 3) Important:

- Abstracts not conforming to the above instructions will be rejected. Accepted abstracts will be published in the book of proceedings
- Those abstracts that are accepted but not physically presented (oral or poster) at the congress will not be included in the Ceylon Medical Journal Supplement containing the abstracts. Failure to make a presentation (oral or poster) of an abstract once confirming participation by the corresponding author will be considered an episode of academic/scientific misconduct and the authors will be liable for punitive action.
- 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.

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: IMPORTANT DATES**

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**Abstract acceptance notification: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

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