ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES 2014

Introduction

The abstract submission guidelines of the EHA Annual Congress are intended to provide clear instructions before submitting an abstract. You are kindly requested to carefully read the guidelines stated below.

The EHA and its Scientific Program Committee (SPC) and Advisory Board (SPC-AB) maintain the right to reject any abstract that does not meet below requirements or is in violation of them.

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Deadline abstract submission
The deadline for abstract submission is March 1, 2014, submissions received after this deadline will not be considered.

General abstract guidelines
1. The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) encourages the submission of original scientific material unpublished at the time of the abstract submission deadline:
   a. Abstract submitted to regional or national hematology meetings can be submitted to the EHA Congress for inclusion in the program;
   b. Abstracts previously submitted to large international meetings which are organized in the same period as the EHA Congress (May – July) are allowed to be submitted to the Congress. Examples of international meetings are the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) and the International Congress on Malignant Lymphomas (ICML).
   c. Abstracts submitted in 2013 to large international meeting such as the American Society of Hematology (ASH), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) and the International Congress on Malignant Lymphomas (ICML) may also be submitted provided a clear indication about novel or updated information included in the appropriate abstract submission field.
2. The SPC retains the right to allocate abstracts containing previously submitted or presented data as they see fit.
3. Submitted abstracts are considered embargoed from the time of submission.
4. Interim analysis of a prospective randomized clinical trial will usually be considered only if it is performed as planned in the original protocol and is statistically valid.
5. The abstract title and text may not contain trade names. The SPC reserves the right to replace trade names in accepted abstracts.
6. In clinical studies, please state whether informed consent was obtained.
7. If off label use of drugs was involved, please state this clearly.
8. Do not submit the same study in multiple abstracts. Abstracts that appear as more than one version of a single study will be rejected.
9. Similarly, do not submit a copy or close copy of an abstract under more than 1 category. Abstracts that appear to be submitted multiple times under different categories will be rejected.
10. Abstracts should be submitted in clear (American) English to allow the reviewers to focus on the scientific content of the abstract. Non-English speaking authors are encouraged to have their abstract checked for grammar and spelling.
11. The SPC assumes all presenting authors have proficiency in English, thus are able to present and respond to questions. Otherwise authors are encouraged to choose poster presentation as a preference.

Abstract review, selection and publication

General comments
- An international panel of experts will review the abstracts.
- Each abstract will be reviewed by at least five different reviewers.
- Abstracts may be selected for
  - oral presentation
o poster presentation

o publication only

o rejection.

- The first / presenting author will receive a confirmation of acceptance for oral presentation, poster presentation, publication only or a notice of rejection, by e-mail before April 30, 2014.

- The best abstracts will be selected for an oral presentation in the Presidential Symposium.

- Authors of abstracts selected for an oral presentation will be informed about the type and date of the session and presentation guidelines will be provided.

- Poster presenters will be informed about the date of the poster session and will receive guidelines for their presentation.

- All accepted abstracts will be published in the abstract book.

- Withdrawal policy: If authors wish to withdraw their abstracts from presentation or publication they are requested to send a letter via e-mail to the congress secretariat before May 1. Consequently the abstract will not be presented nor published.

**Procedure abstract review & selection**

All abstracts submitted before March 1, will be reviewed by an international panel of experts (representing all subspecialties and a large number of countries). The authors assign their abstracts to one of currently 33 topics and for each topic 6 reviewers are asked to score all abstracts in that category. Within 10 days after the closure of the abstract submission, the reviewers (a total of 200 – 250 experts) are requested to read and score each abstract in their category based on the scientific merit. If fewer than 4 reviewers return their evaluation for a given topic, the SPC chair recruits additional reviewers in that field to meet this minimal requirement.

The scoring system is a scale ranging from 1 to 10, with a qualitative explanation of each grade. Once all abstracts have been reviewed, the scores are averaged.

A coordinating reviewer per abstract topic will be installed with the goal of identifying discrepancies in the scores, organizing the discussion of abstracts and the selection of the final sessions. Following the review week teleconference will be scheduled between the coordinating reviewer and the reviewers of each topic. During the teleconferences the scoring and possible discrepancies will be discussed. The end result of the teleconferences is the final selection of sessions and abstracts for each abstract topic.

The total overview of sessions will be discussed, modified or approved by the Scientific Program Committee (18 members) and Advisory Board (35 members) during the meeting in March 2014.
Abstract Topics

The abstract topics have been updated for 2014. Abstract concerning the following topics should be submitted under the relevant disease group discussed in the abstract.

- Signalling, transcription and apoptosis
- Cytogenetics and molecular diagnostics
- Drug resistance and pharmacology
- Genomics and proteomics
- Novel therapeutics and targeted therapies

Final list

1. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia - Biology
2. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia - Clinical
3. Acute myeloid leukemia - Biology
4. Acute myeloid leukemia - Clinical
5. Chronic lymphocytic leukemia and related disorders - Biology
6. Chronic lymphocytic leukemia and related disorders - Clinical
7. Chronic myeloid leukemia - Biology
8. Chronic myeloid leukemia - Clinical
9. Myelodysplastic syndromes - Biology
10. Myelodysplastic syndromes – Clinical
11. Bone marrow failure syndromes incl. PNH - Biology
12. Bone marrow failure syndromes incl. PNH - Clinical
13. Myeloma and other monoclonal gammopathies - Biology
14. Myeloma and other monoclonal gammopathies - Clinical
15. Myeloproliferative neoplasms - Biology
16. Myeloproliferative neoplasms - Clinical
17. Hodgkin lymphoma - Clinical
19. Indolent Non-Hodgkin lymphoma – Clinical
20. Aggressive Non-Hodgkin lymphoma - Clinical
21. Stem cell transplantation - Experimental
22. Stem cell transplantation - Clinical
23. Hematopoiesis, stem cells and microenvironment
24. Gene therapy, cellular immunotherapy and vaccination
25. Red blood cells and iron - Biology
26. Red blood cells and iron - Clinical
27. Infectious diseases, supportive care
28. Transfusion medicine
29. Non-malignant hematopoietic disorders
30. Platelets disorders
31. Bleeding disorders (congenital and acquired)
32. Thrombosis and vascular biology
33. Quality of life, palliative care, ethics and health economics
EHA Travel Grants

Travel grants, consisting of € 500 and free registration for the Congress, will be available for investigators with accepted abstracts. Travel grants are specially intended to support young investigators; therefore applicants should be 36 years or younger of age.

A number of travel grants have been reserved for abstract authors from countries with lower- and lower/middle-income economies.

The SPC will decide, according to the scores of the abstracts, which abstract receives a travel grant. This will be announced to the first author by e-mail before April 30, 2014.

Application criteria

Authors wishing to be considered for a grant should be:

- a member of EHA
- the first and presenting author of a submitted abstract
- 36 years or younger of age (for 2014: authors born in 1978 or after)

How to apply for a travel grant

1. Ensure that your membership fee has been paid before March 1, 2014.
2. Tick the appropriate box at the online abstract submission site.
3. Complete the online form on the EHA website, to submit your application.

Should you have any questions or queries, contact us at Travelgrants@ehaweb.org.

The deadline for travel grant applications, supporting documents and additional information is March 1, 2014 (in parallel with the deadline for abstract submission). Only complete applications, meeting all the above points, will be considered.
How to submit an abstract

For access to the abstract form, you will first require a login name and password. You may choose your own login name and password. If you have already used MCI’s B-Com program before for EHA or another congress, you can use these login details.

**Step by step guide:**

1. **Contact information** - Fill in all fields marked with (*)
   
   Note the person submitting will be who is contacted regarding an abstract status when announced as of April 1st

2. **Submission type selection** – Read and accept the declaration, Click next.

3. **Abstract Classification** – fill in all fields marked with (*)

4. **Authors** – Please follow instructions for all author and co-author details here. Note that the first entry in the table is pre-filled with the submitter’s details. This entry can be removed by clicking on (X).

5. **Abstract body** – Here you enter your abstract and upload an image/figure if you have this (please note instructions on the right side of the page, and for image information this is beneath the grey upload box)

6. **Abstract Preview** – You will then be able to preview your abstract. If you’re abstract has met all requirements you will here see a grey box “set as final submission”. You click this box only when you are happy with your abstract to finally submit for review.
   
   If you’re abstract does not meet the requirements you will be asked to save as a draft. You can then login in as often as you wish before the deadline to amend until you are happy with it and it meets all requirements.

7. **Confirmation** – Once you click “set as final submission” your abstract is set for review. However before the submission deadline (March 1 2014; 23:59 CET), you will be able to login again and edit your abstract. Note that you will no longer be able to edit your abstract after the submission deadline.

   After submitting your abstract successfully, you and the co-authors will receive a confirmation of the submission by e-mail.
Abstract format information

General format:

- Character count: 3600 including spaces and punctuation
- Title count – 200 characters including spaces
- Title case: Upper
- Max number of lines: 45
- Max number of keywords: 4

All abstract body content sections are mandatory (e.g. background, aims, methods, results, conclusion/summary.)

Image sizing guideline:

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- 1 image can be submitted
- Table can be used
- Image is not included in the Character count

Author affiliation guide:

- Department
- Institution - Mandatory
- City - Mandatory
- Country - Mandatory

Only 1 presenting author
1 submitting author – (this person is who is contacted with regards to feedback of their abstract)
No co-author count (unlimited)

Contact information

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