

CALL FOR LATE-BREAKER ABSTRACTS

Deadline for Submission: February 9, 2024

We welcome the submission of abstracts for poster and oral presentations of research on all aspects of tuberculosis prevention and care, including epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, social, behavioural, psychosocial, and educational studies, as well as outcomes of program initiatives. We also welcome abstracts on topics other than tuberculosis, including COVID-19 and smoking cessation. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with these guidelines.

As in previous years, high-scoring abstracts, with relevancy for the symposium session themes, will be identified, and invited to provide a 5-7minute oral presentation during the conference.

If your abstract is selected for this opportunity, this is in addition to a poster abstract presentation.

Oral and Poster Presentations

- You may request 1) poster presentation only, or 2) possible invitation for oral presentation according to score. (Note: The decision to extend an invitation for an oral presentation is based primarily on the score an abstract earns and its contributions of new programmatic or scientific knowledge relating to the plenary agenda.)
- All abstracts submitted will be reviewed.
- The highest-ranked abstracts will be considered for oral presentation and others for poster presentation.
- Abstracts of limited quality and those lacking results will not be accepted.

Abstract Content

- Abstracts may be written in English, French or Spanish however, we encourage Posters to be in English.
- Abstracts must be:
 - maximum of 250 words, excluding title, headings, and authors' names and affiliations
- The body of the abstract should contain the following sections (Note: section names should be included in the abstract, and written in all CAPITAL LETTERS):

- TITLE
- AUTHORS (last names and initials only, omit degrees), institutions, city, country (omit street address and zip/postal code); underline the name of presenting author
- BACKGROUND
- DESIGN/METHODS or INTERVENTION/RESPONSE
- RESULTS (Give both numbers and proportions where applicable)
- CONCLUSION

Abstracts may involve scientific research or public health practice, as described by The Union:

Category 1: Scientific research

It is recommended that the abstracts in Category 1 be organized using the following sections:

- *Background*: State study objectives, study question or a description of the challenge addressed by the research.
- *Design/Methods*: State the setting, methods, desired outcomes, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyze information. Include a description of participants, procedures, measures and appropriate statistical analyses.
- *Results*: Present specific findings to date.
- *Conclusion and recommendations*: State the implications of the results and key recommendations. Present specific findings on how the research addressed the study, question or challenge. Highlight opportunities for future research as well as implications for further research for TB prevention and care programs.

Category 2: Public health practice /education and training

It is recommended that the abstracts in Category 2 be organized using the following sections (if an abstract cannot address these sections, it is likely not eligible for submission):

- *Background and reason for implementation or problem being addressed*: identify the context and the specific challenges to program implementation. Describe the activity, program or policy by which the issue was addressed. Describe target populations, geographic sites/locations and scale and type of activity or service.
- *Intervention or response*: how was the challenge overcome? Detail the methods, activities and implementation steps used to overcome the challenge. Describe the methods, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyze information that informed your conclusions. Identify the course of action used to address program implementation issues.
- *Results and lessons learned*: describe the results and impact of the project. Explain the potential application or benefit to other programs. Describe what worked and what did not work and the evidence that led to this determination.
- *Conclusions and key recommendations*: state the implications of the effective public health practice and key recommendations.

Highlight opportunities for future program practice, as well as implications for other programs or settings.

Abstract Scoring Criteria

A NEW scoring rubric will be used this year!

The following rubric will be used to score the abstracts for the 2024 TB Conference:

- Relevance (Weight 1.0) -- 0-5 points
- Methods/Intervention or Response (Weight 1.0) -- 0-5 points
- Results/Impact (Weight 1.0) -- 0-5 points
- Clarity of the Message (Weight 0.5) -- 0-5 points
- Originality (Weight 0.5) -- 0-5 points

Total: 20 points

For additional information about the new scoring rubric, [click here](#).

Abstracts will be reviewed and accepted on the basis of on-time receipt, originality, quality of content, appropriate use of methodology, and relevance to TB control, prevention, and elimination, as determined by the abstract committee members.

Abstracts that Do Not Adhere to the Required Format and Word Limit Will be Excluded from Consideration.

Notification:

The submitting authors will be notified about abstract acceptance no later than Friday, February 16, 2024.

Abstracts may be accepted as submitted, or conditionally, based on the review and score received. If accepted on a conditional basis, we will contact you with instructions for the revisions needed or to provide technical assistance to improve the submission.

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