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Abstract Guidelines

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for presentation at the Joint Annual Meeting 2026 of the SSC/SSCS and SSP/SSTS at Messe Basel, Switzerland, 10-12 June 2026

Deadline for submission of abstracts:

Wednesday, 28 January 2026, 23:59 CET

In order to standardize the abstract layout, we kindly ask you to read the guidelines carefully.

Abstract Guidelines

1. **Abstract submission opens on Wednesday, 17 December 2025**
2. **Abstract deadline is Wednesday, 28 January 2026, 23:59 CET**
3. Abstracts may be submitted only via internet. Abstracts submitted via fax or email will not be accepted.
4. Abstracts must be submitted in English; presentations of accepted abstracts must be held in English.
5. Your abstract will be printed as submitted. We advise to make a spell-check before submitting.
6. Please make sure that name, email, institution and affiliations of all authors are complete and correct.
7. Structure your abstract using the following headings for original scientific work:
 - Introduction
 - Materials & Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion

Separate fields related to these headlines will be provided in the upload step. Those fields can also be used for submission of "Case reports". Should you face any uncertainties, please contact the Congress Secretariat via abstracts.sgk@congrex.com

8. Clarity of expression will be considered in the review process. The overall quality of language used should ensure comprehension by the reader.
9. The abstract text may not be longer than **300 words** (excluding authors' names, title and affiliations or disclosures/COI).
10. Abstracts must contain original material neither published nor presented in Switzerland prior to submission.
11. There is no limit to the number of abstracts an investigator may submit. Investigators should not submit the same research. Abstracts that appear to be replicate versions of a single study may be rejected.



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12. Please limit the number of authors listed to those who have substantially contributed to the abstract. If authors' names appear on more than one abstract, their names must appear and be spelled identically on each abstract to facilitate proper indexing. Wherever possible, do not list authors with initials only. Enter every author's name separately for indexing. For each author the institution and the affiliations have to be declared.
13. The title of the abstract and all names must be written in sentence case (not in capital or lower case only).
14. Do not use abbreviations in the title. Limit their use to commonly used abbreviations and expand all abbreviations at first mention.
15. Tables, charts and other graphics are permitted (max. 2) and must be in JPG, PNG or GIF format and in high resolution (at least 300 dpi).
16. After having submitted your abstract, you will receive confirmation by email with a reference number for your abstracts (for inquiry and correspondence purposes)
 - If you do not receive confirmation, please contact us immediately.
 - please note: your login remains valid for future use (e.g. should you wish to edit or correct a submitted abstract, to submit further abstracts to the same or to future conferences...)
17. Submitted abstracts may be **edited** up to the deadline of 28 January 2026. If you re-open an abstract to edit, make sure to **re-submit** it. Otherwise it will not be reviewed.
18. Abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review. Only the review board¹ will be unblinded.
19. The format of presentation (oral or poster presentation) will be decided by the scientific committee based on the quality of the abstracts submitted.
20. The **presenting author only** will be informed in **early April 2026 by email** on the decision of the scientific committee (please make sure to state your correct email address). The presenting author should be the submitting author. All further communication will only be sent to the presenting author.
21. Presenting authors of accepted abstracts **must register for the conference and attend in-person for the presentation.**
22. Abstracts submitted by employees of pharmaceutical or MedTech or other for-profit organizations will not be considered and should not be submitted.

Groups & Topics

Please carefully select the group and topic under which you submit your abstract for review. A review board delegated by the scientific committee will verify the correct allocation of abstracts and may reallocate your abstract prior to the review process if placed incorrectly.

Groups:

1. Pneumologists
2. Thoracic Surgeons
3. Pediatric Pneumologist
4. Cardiologists
5. Cardiac Surgeons
6. Pediatric Cardiologists
7. Allied Health Professionals

¹ Committee of 2 to 4 persons delegated by the SSC/SSP to supervise the abstract submission and reviewing process



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Topics:

1. Infections, cystic fibrosis/non-CF bronchiectasis, lung transplantation
2. Interstitial/rare lung diseases, pulmonary vascular disease
3. Obstructive lung diseases, allergy, lung function & sports pneumology
4. Respiratory sleep medicine, ventilation & oxygen + miscellaneous (non-topic specific digital/AI/quality, education, etc.)
5. Thoracic interventions/surgery, oncology
6. Basic science cardiology/cardiac surgery (does not apply for clinical cases)
7. Rhythm disorders
8. Heart failure
9. Valvular heart disease
10. Coronary artery disease / Acute cardiovascular care
11. Prevention, rehabilitation & sports cardiology
12. Congenital / pediatric heart disease
13. Clinical case reports cardiology/cardiac surgery + miscellaneous (non-topic specific digital/AI/quality, education, health economics etc.)

Notification

The **presenting authors** will be informed in **early April 2026 by email** on the decision of the scientific committee (please make sure to state your correct email address). Detailed information on format and presentation of posters and oral presentations will be mailed directly to presenting authors of accepted abstracts. Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author to present if accepted. Submission of an abstract constitutes agreement with publication of the abstract if accepted for presentation (see below). The presenting author should be the submitting author.

Publication

- Accepted cardio-related abstracts will be published in the Swiss Medical Weekly.
- Accepted pneumo-related abstracts will be published in the online supplement of the Respiration Journal.

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Abstract Prizes

The best abstracts will be awarded a prize. The scientific committee wishes to reward mainly younger scientists. An age limit is therefore set at 40 years of age. Accomplished and experienced scientists are kindly asked to negate the question “Do you want your abstract to be considered for prize evaluation?”.

SSC/SSCS-Awardees will be invited to submit their work as full papers for potential publication in the SMW. These submissions will undergo an additional review process, and papers meeting the required quality standards will be published in full. This represents an excellent opportunity for young



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researchers to showcase their work, gain visibility within the academic community, and advance their professional development.

Questions

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