

The organizers of the IPTA 2018 Symposium in Organ Transplantation in Children welcome the submission of abstracts for original contribution to the field.

Abstract Submission Process

User Profile

Before submitting an abstract, the submitter must create a User Profile. After an abstract has been created, modifications can be made until the submission deadline.

The final deadline to submit the abstract is **April 15, 2018**. Abstracts received after this date cannot be accepted. The submitting author will receive notification of acceptance by May 15, 2018. Together with the confirmation of acceptance of your abstract, presenters will be requested to register for the Symposium (without fee payment). Deadline for presenter registration is May 30, 2018.

Important Dates

- February 1, 2018 - Abstract Submission Opens
- April 15, 2018 - Abstract Submission Deadline
- May 15, 2018 - Communication to authors on approved / rejected abstracts
- May 30, 2018 - Deadline for presenter registration

Abstract Structure

Abstracts should be structured chronologically in five sections: first Introduction; then Materials and Methods, Results, and Discussion; and finally, Conclusion.

- The Introduction section clarifies the motivation for the work presented and prepares readers for the structure of the paper.
- The Materials and Methods section provides sufficient detail for other scientists to reproduce the experiments presented in the paper. In some journals, this information is placed in an appendix, because it is not what most readers want to know first.
- The Results and Discussion sections present and discuss the research results, respectively. They are often usefully combined into one section, however, because readers can seldom make sense of results alone without accompanying interpretation — they need to be told what the results mean.
- The Conclusion section presents the outcome of the work by interpreting the findings at a higher level of abstraction than the Discussion and by relating these findings to the motivation stated in the Introduction. Explain the significance of your findings / outcomes and future implications of the results.

Abstract Guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted electronically through the Symposium website

- Abstracts will be accepted in English only.
- There is no fee for submitting an abstract.
- There is a limit of **two** abstract per person.
- The abstract text body is limited to 3,000 characters (Approx. 500 words) excluding spaces. A maximum of two figures (in JPG, GIF or PNG with ideally 600 dpi) can be included. These will not count toward the word limit, nor will the information about authors, institutions and study groups. File size of 2 MB maximum for each figure.
- Ensure that all co-authors approve of the abstract submission, publication, and potential presentation. Abstracts cannot be changed or withdrawn after April 15, 2018.
- Disclosure: abstract submitter is required to disclose any conflict of interest.
- To be eligible to submit and abstract, you must disclose that the authors / scientists have not violated any aspect of the Declaration of Istanbul (DOI) ethics' statement <http://www.declarationofistanbul.org> and that this research conforms with the ethical statements noted.
- Submitter must confirm and register to the Symposium by May 30, 2018, otherwise the abstract will not be published.

Policies for abstract submission

Copyright Policy

Abstracts should not include libelous or defamatory content. Material presented in abstracts should not violate any copyright laws. If figures/graphics/images have been taken from sources not copyrighted by the author, it is the author's sole responsibility to secure the rights from the copyright holder in writing to reproduce those figures/graphics/images for both worldwide print and web publication. All reproduction costs charged by the copyright holder must be borne by the author.

Resubmission Policy

An abstract that has been previously published can only be submitted provided that there are new methods, findings, updated information or other valid reasons for submitting.

Plagiarism

IPTA regards 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.

Organ Trafficking and Tourism Ethics Compliance

To be eligible to submit and abstract, you must disclose that the author(s)/ scientist(s) have not violated any aspect of the Declaration of Istanbul (DOI) ethics' statement <http://www.declarationofistanbul.org> and that your research conforms with the ethical statement on human research subject, Helsinki.

Scientific studies and clinical activities should be performed in keeping with the ethical principles delineated in the following policy documents:

- the Declaration of Istanbul (DOI) ethics' statement - <http://www.declarationofistanbul.org>
- the ethical statement on human research subject, Helsinki Declaration of The World Medical Association. <http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/17c.pdf>
- the International Xenotransplantation Association Ethics Committee Position Paper on The Ethics of Xenotransplantation (Xenotransplantation 10:194-203, 2003) For research involving human subjects -The Helsinki.
- The Transplantation Society Ethics statement
- Institutional Ethical Review for human and/or animal research as appropriate

The IPTA Executive Council may enquire further into ethical aspects when evaluating the abstracts.

Abstract review and selection process

Abstract Review

- All submitted abstracts will go through blinded peer-review carried out by an international review committee.
- All abstracts will be reviewed (blinded) by at least three international referees, selected by the organizing committee.
- Scores assigned by all reviewers are averaged. The cut-off average score for acceptance is based on submitted presentations. Rejections are further evaluated by the scientific program committee.

Format of presentation

All accepted abstracts will be scheduled as an oral presentation in the symposium program.

Notification of Acceptance or Rejection to Corresponding Author

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting (corresponding) author by May 15, 2018. Please note that only the corresponding author will receive mail concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of the abstract. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will receive instructions for the presentation of their abstract.