

Thinking Ahead

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Abstract Submission Instructions

General Instructions

- All abstracts must be submitted **before December 1st, 2011**.
- All abstracts must be prepared according to the guidelines provided below.
- All abstracts must contain original work that has not been published or presented identically on a previous occasion prior to the 11th World IAB Congress.
- Abstracts must be submitted electronically only through this website (please see the submission link on this page and follow the instructions on the submission pages).
- Abstracts received by postal mail or any other way will not be submitted and processed.
- Abstracts should be submitted in English.
- The content of the abstract, presentation or poster, is solely the responsibility of the author(s).

Formatting rules

The following formatting rules should be taken into account before uploading your abstract(s):

- Do not use any quotation marks or inverted commas.
- Titles must not exceed 12 words.
- Author names should be in the following format: Initials first followed by surname (e.g. TS Elliot, JD Plumber and PG Wodehouse).
- Affiliations must be italicized (e.g. *University of Kentucky*).
- Graphics and figures can not be included in the abstracts.
- Each completed abstract must contain a title, all authors, all affiliations, and abstract text.
- Abstract text should not exceed **400 words**. This text limit does not include title, authors and affiliations.
- Abstracts should follow the following **format**:
- Background of the topic of your abstract
 - Central ethical problem
 - Approach/methods/ arguments
 - Conclusion

Reviewing & acceptance

- Abstracts will be reviewed and selected by the Scientific Committee and handled anonymously.
- An abstract may be selected for oral presentation or a poster presentation or it may be rejected.
- Confirmation of acceptance or rejection by the Scientific Committee will be given before **February 20th, 2012** and emailed to the corresponding address of the first author (unless another author is selected as contact person)
- It is possible to submit more than one abstract, but not possible to give more than one oral presentation. Each congress participant will be limited to one oral presentation. This does not apply to participants who are co-authors on other presentations.

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Registration presenting author

- If an abstract is selected for oral presentation, the submitting author will be requested to present it in the assigned session.
- If an abstract is accepted as a poster presentation, the submitting author will be requested to be available for discussion during the poster viewing sessions.
- The presenting author must **register for the congress before March 5th 2012**. A reduced early registration fee will apply to this deadline. Registering after March 5th 2012 will affect the inclusion of the abstract in the final program and in the book of abstracts.

Publication

- Abstracts for oral presentation that are accepted will be published as submitted.
- In cases of abstracts with numerous typographical or grammatical errors, the Congress Secretariat reserves the right to edit the submitted text.
- All abstracts accepted will be published only if registration has been confirmed and payment of registration fees has been received by March 5th 2012 (deadline early registration).

Abstract withdrawal

Please notify the Congress Secretariat as early as possible if you wish to withdraw your abstract. Due to programme and publishing deadlines, withdrawal of an abstract after March 5th 2012 can only be considered in consultation with the Congress Secretariat.