

TBScience2018 Abstract Submission Guidelines

Deadline: Online submission 25 June – 3 August 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The 49th Union World Conference on Lung Health (WCLH) is pleased to announce TBScience2018, an official pre-conference event entirely devoted to basic and translational TB research.

REGISTRATION

Union World Conference delegates may register for the pre-conference for an additional fee of 50 euros. Delegates may also choose to register for TBScience2018 only at the following rates:

- Regular Registration (1 Jun 2018 – 23 Sep 2018): €130
- Late Registration (24 Sep 2018 – 27 Oct 2018): €170

**Please note that the deadline for early registration has passed*

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Dates & Times: 08:30 23 Oct 2018 – 12:00 24 Oct 2018
- Venue: The Hague Marriott Hotel
**(Located near the Union World Conference Venue, The World Forum)*

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

- All TBScience2018 abstracts must be submitted online via the dedicated system that will be available **from 25 June to 3 August, 2018**. Abstracts submitted by e-mail or any alternative method will not be considered.
- Persons submitting TBScience2018 sessions will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their abstract by **the end of August, 2018**.
- If you represent a UN organisation, please select the name of the organisation from the list available in the drop down menu.
- A listed co-author other than the corresponding author may register and present the study at the conference. The corresponding author is responsible for the session content. S/he is the contact person for submission and communication purposes and is also responsible for disseminating information related to the session to the co-authors.
- The maximum number of authors and institutions is eight.
- If all authors belong to a single institution, you do not need to create new affiliations for each author. When submitting, click on "Institutes" to fill in the affiliation fields.
- Please note that alternate language interpretations of presentations will not be provided.

ABSTRACT INFORMATION

TOPIC

Abstract submissions, either oral or poster presentations, should be aligned with one of these **three session topics**:

1. Reducing TB transmission: what is the scientific basis behind reducing transmission and the initiation of appropriate therapy?

2. TB vaccines: latest research developments in the discovery and clinical TB Vaccine space
3. Research on surveillance issues: TB infection surveys and methods to generate subnational burden of disease estimates

TEXT

- The abstract should be **in English**, restricted to **300 words** and should include **background, methods, results, and conclusions**.
- Type the title of the abstract in upper and lower case, using capitals only for the first word, acronyms and proper nouns. Titles of more than 25 words (110 characters and spaces) will be truncated.
- One table or one figure may be included with the abstract. Abstracts that do not contain **specific results**, or that were previously submitted to this conference will not be considered.
 - If you wish to submit a table with your abstract, click on “Tables” on the top right to create a table. Tables should be no larger than five rows x 10 columns.
 - If you wish to submit a figure with your abstract, click on “Graphs/Images”. The maximum file size of each graph is 5 MB. The maximum pixel size of the graph is 600(w) x 800(h). You may upload graphs in JPG, GIF or PNG format.
 - Recommended resolution: min. 150 dpi, 300 dpi for images, 600 dpi for line art (charts).
 - Important: the graphic content must be clearly legible when previewing the abstract.
 - Low-resolution images will not be included in the Abstract Book.
 - Please note that tables and figures are reproduced in a single column with the abstract and that legibility is the responsibility of the author. We recommend that you use a sans serif (Arial or Calibri) font for clarity.
- Use the palette of characters provided to insert symbols, accents and special formatting (e.g., italics, bold, β , μ , etc.).
- Abbreviations and acronyms must be written out in full at the first mention in the text.
- Authors are responsible for proofreading and submitting an abstract without errors, as they will be reproduced in the form they were submitted.

ORGANISATION

- **Background:** State the study objectives, study question or describe the challenge addressed by the research.
- **Design/Methods:** State the setting, methods, desired outcomes, procedures and techniques used to collect and analyse information. Include a description and breakdown of participants, procedures, measures and appropriate statistical analyses.
- **Results:** Present specific findings to date.
- **Conclusions:** Describe the implications of the results presented, and summarise key recommendations. Explain specific findings on how the research addressed the study, question or challenge.

USE OF NON-STIGMATISING LANGUAGE

- The Union is committed to promoting patient-centred language in all conference abstracts and presentations. When drafting your abstract, The Union requests that you follow the guidance laid out in

the Stop TB Partnership's publication, [Suggested Language and Usage for Tuberculosis \(TB\) Care, Communications and Publications](#).

SUBMISSION PROCESS

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

- To submit a new abstract, click on "Create" under "MyAbstracts".
- Ensure that you carefully read all instructions given on the screen at each step of the process.
- Do not upload the text of your abstract as an attachment. Abstracts submitted as attachments will not be considered.
- Please refrain from submitting multiple abstracts on the same topic by varying the authors or under different titles with only minor word changes. In such cases, all of the submissions on that topic will be automatically rejected.

POST- SUBMISSION

The corresponding author will receive an e-mail confirming that the submitted abstract has been received. After submission, the authors will be able to export a copy of the submitted abstract. After the abstract has been submitted, you can still go back and edit it. However, please make sure that you submit it again before the deadline.

REVIEW

All submitted abstracts will be sent for peer review by a panel of international experts. The scores will then be submitted to a reviewing committee. Note that **decisions of the abstract review committee are final and cannot be appealed**.

NOTIFICATION

- Corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance of their late-breaker sessions by the end of **August, 2018**.
- Abstracts that are not accepted cannot be reconsidered for review or presentation at the conference.

TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION

- Confirmation that the work has not been previously submitted for consideration to the general portion of The Union World Conference.
- A request and rationale for travel support, *if so desired**
- The address, phone and e-mail address where the author may be contacted at the end of August.

***Note:** A small number of travel grants are available for presenters of accepted abstracts who require funding to attend the conference. If you intend to request support, an indication of your desire and rationale for consideration for a travel grant must be submitted online together with the abstract. The reviewing committee will be blinded to the request for travel funds.