

# Instructions to Authors

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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS 1 DECEMBER 2014

Please submit your abstract via: <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2015>

Please follow the instructions given on-line, otherwise your abstract cannot be selected for review. A summary of the guidelines is as follows:

- The abstract language is English
- The text should be not more than 300 words
- The use of 1 table or 1 graph is possible
- The abstract must consist of four paragraphs labelled: OBJECTIVE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS
- The text and the title should be free from abbreviations, except those commonly used. It should concisely address the problem and the purpose of the study (OBJECTIVE); how the study was performed (METHODS); the main findings with numerical data and statistical significance (RESULTS); and the principal conclusions drawn from the study (CONCLUSIONS)
- The title of the abstract should be printed in CAPITAL LETTERS; the name(s) of the author(s) should be preceded by the full first name (middle name Initial optional) - omit titles. The number of authors is unlimited.
- Since the abstracts will be judged anonymously, the text should not reveal the institutional affiliation
- Mark the category which best describes the subject of your abstract
- The material should not have been published, or presented at any international meeting before, nor submitted to another meeting during the same period.
- Only co-authors are allowed to present the paper

**4 types of abstracts will be considered:**

• Oral/Forum/Poster	• Videos
• Case reports	• Nurse symposium

**Abstracts will not be accepted by e-mail or fax  
All abstracts should be submitted and posted according to the format and  
instructions described above no later than 09 January 2015**

The programme committee will meet 13-14 February 2015. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from 2 rounds and allocated for presentations as oral, forum, case report, video or poster, nurse symposium. Selected abstracts are considered to be incorporated in special/joint sessions along with invited lectures based on their relevance with the topic of the session. Abstract acceptance and programme scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2015.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific programme, it is mandatory to register for the congress and to settle payment as soon as you have received the notification of abstract acceptance.

Please check the eligibility for prize awards.

The presenter of an accepted abstract will also be asked to complete a form to be signed at the time of uploading the presentation to state whether his/her presentation can be released or cancelled after the meeting

Abstracts will be published in an online supplement of the Interactive Journal for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

### **IMPORTANT:**

ESTS expects that all speakers presenting in ORAL sessions and the Brompton and Young Investigator Award sessions to **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) **at the time of the meeting**. Moreover the prize winners in all other prize sessions are expected to **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) **at the time of the meeting**.

Note that the Programme Committee will consider the previous manuscript submission record of ALL speakers when preparing future ESTS meetings.

Submission for review of forum, case report, video or poster presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

Manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the Instructions to Authors (follow relevant link):

- [EJCTS](#)
- [ICVTS](#)

The manuscript submission is online only at: <http://ejcts.oxfordjournals.org/>

Please mention "Presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Lisbon, 31 May – 3 June 2015," on the title page of the manuscript.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the Brompton & Young Investigators Prizes sessions submit full manuscripts by e-mail to the Chair of the Programme Committee ([sue@ests.org.uk](mailto:sue@ests.org.uk)) one month before the meeting at the latest, since these papers are included in the total scoring by the jury. The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

### **ORAL AND FORUM SESSIONS**

Oral papers are allocated 8 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 7 minutes. Forum papers are allocated a presentation time of 7 minutes followed by a discussion period of 3 minutes. Please note that only data projection will be available.

### **INTERACTIVE CASE PRESENTATION SESSION**

The programme committee invites submissions of case reports for interactive presentation. It is an opportunity for any thoracic surgeon, particularly trainees and young surgeons, to present a case for discussion by the meeting and the experts who will be present. We encourage you to submit cases that are of interest in any of the followings:

- An uncommon clinical problem
- A particularly challenging problem of diagnosis or management
- An innovative surgical technique
- A clinical lesson
- A particularly illustrative case of interest for the thoracic community

The interactive presentations should be 5 minutes long including interactive discussion of 10 minutes. Video clips are welcomed but must be included within the time limit. The speaker should present the clinical case only, NOT a literature review or case series. We would like you to explain in the abstract (300 words) what your case is about, what you think is of special interest for the audience and its clinical implications.

### **POSTER SESSION**

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation. A number of case reports will also be considered for poster presentations

Moderated posters are allocated 2 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 2 minutes.

Maximum dimensions: Portrait: Length 120 cm, width 90 cm

## **VIDEO SESSION**

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats:  
.WMV and .AVI  
MAC formats .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the principal surgeon is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

## **NURSE SYMPOSIUM**

Abstracts for the Symposium for Nurses should be submitted online using the same system as other abstracts. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Videos can be considered and they should be uploaded online.

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats:  
.WMV and .AVI  
MAC formats .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the presenting nurse is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.