

Guidelines for EVER 2026 Special Interest Symposium (SIS) and Course Proposals

As a benefit of your EVER membership, it is our pleasure to invite you to submit a SIS and/or a Course Proposal for EVER 2026.

Each scientific section of EVER is encouraged to organize at least one SIS and one Course

A SIS is envisaged to be a symposium with a unifying theme put together by a named organizer with the active and willing participation of nominated speakers.

Section Chairs will monitor the number of SIS/Courses submitted to each Section.

Some important dates

Submission opening	9 January 2026
Submission deadline – NEW DATE	3 March 2026
Notification of acceptance	From 10 March 2026
Summary* submission opening	21 April 2026
Summary* submission deadline	25 May 2026

* Speakers are required to submit a summary of their presentation through the online submission system. They will receive detailed instructions on how to complete the process. **Please note that summary submission is distinct from abstract submission, as the two are separate procedures.** Summaries submitted within the given deadline will be published on Acta Ophthalmologica Journal after the congress.

Restrictions on SIS organization and participation

Organizers: Each organizer may submit a maximum of **two (2) proposals in total**, as follows:

- One symposium or course within a single section, **and** one symposium or course organized jointly by two or more sections,
or
- One SIS **and** one course regardless of sections.

Speakers: Each speaker may participate in a maximum of **two (2) symposiums or courses in total**, as follows:

- One symposium or course within a single section, **and** one symposium or course organized jointly by two or more sections,
or
- One SIS **and** one course, regardless of sections.

SIS selection

SIS will be selected by the Section Chair and Program Secretary based on novelty and innovation, participation of early career speakers/organizers, and internationalization (organizers and speakers from more than one country). Repetition of topics from previous years will be penalized. The selection criteria can be downloaded [here](#).

SIS/Course structural rules:

- 1) Each SIS/Course has a duration of **65 min plus 10 minutes discussion**.
- 2) Each SIS has **a maximum of 5 and a minimum of 3 speakers**.
- 3) Each SIS/Course should have **two Chairs** - these may also be organizers and /or speakers.

Duties to All SIS/Course organizers:

- **2026 EVER membership** for organizers **is compulsory** for submission of SIS proposals (unless invited by the President to organize a conjoint 2025 EVER-Society Special Interest Symposium).
- Organizers **must register** for the meeting even if they are not speakers. A discounted registration fee is foreseen for SIS/COURSES participants.
- SIS/Course organizers must provide all the information requested in the online submission form to enable OIC to coordinate and collect all necessary information from all speakers involved in each SIS/Course through the online portal.
- OIC will inform all potential speakers of the registration fees and conditions.

Registration of SIS/Course speakers:

- Speakers who are **first-time attendees** are exempt from paying the society membership fee; however, registration for the congress remains mandatory.
- **Young** (<35 years) and **Senior** SIS/course speakers are eligible for a discounted registration fee, that will be communicated via e-mail upon acceptance of the scientific commitment.
- **SIS/Course speakers must organize their own travel and accommodation.**

Sponsorship:

Each SIS/Course organizer is warmly encouraged to obtain sponsorship from a commercial company. If a SIS/Course is evaluated to be of commercial interest by the Section Chair, sponsorship by a Company will be mandatory.

If the SIS/Course is sponsored, the requested sponsorship will cover the following:

3.500 Euro as contribution to the running expenses of the SIS/Course and to support the organization's commitment to sponsor early career scientists and clinicians to participate in all aspects of the EVER meeting. This amount will include:

- meeting room required for the SIS
- n. 2 Free Registrations to EVER Congress 2026
- name and logo of the SIS/Course sponsor will be printed in the pocket program and mentioned on Congress website.

The sponsoring company is requested to pay the 3.500 EUR contribution directly to EVER Congress.