

## GUIDELINES FOR EVER 2026 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

### Some important dates

Abstract submission opening	5 March 2026
Abstract submission deadline	15 May 2026
Notification of abstract acceptance	From 15 June 2026
Notification of presentation type	From 22 June 2026
Early bird registration deadline	1 July 2026

### PRESENTATION TYPES:

- Poster
- Rapid fire (oral, 4 minutes)
- Free papers (oral, 12 minutes)

You must select your presentation type preference from one of the following options:

- #1 Poster (first choice), #2 Free Paper (second choice)
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- Poster

Please note that all submitted abstracts will undergo peer review and be ranked by two independent evaluators. Their selection will be final within:

- Poster (no age limit)
- Poster and rapid-fire presentation (selected from the highest-ranked submissions by young presenters under the age of 35)
- Free paper without poster presentation (no age limit; selected from the highest-ranked submissions from those who choose the free paper option as either their first or second choice).

### Clinical cases or case reports:

- Clinical cases/ case reports will only be accepted for poster presentation.

### ABSTRACT PREPARATION

Before submitting the abstract, please carefully follow the instructions. Incomplete submissions or submissions that do not comply with the instructions will be refused. The abstract will be available online for the author to review until the final submission deadline. **Submissions can only be made online. Abstracts submitted by email, fax or post will not be accepted.**

1. **The presenting author must be the first author**, i.e. the individual whose name appears first on the abstract. **An abstract should only be submitted if the first author intends to present it in the event of acceptance.**
2. **Each presenting author can submit up to two abstracts.**
3. **At the time of submission**, the abstract should contain **unpublished data**.
4. The abstract must be clear, concise and **written in English**. Please be aware that abstracts submitted in languages other than English will not be accepted. Presenters are requested to carefully proofread their abstract.
5. Abstract **body should be structured** as follows: References (if any), Aims / Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Please **download and use the template available on the submission page**.
6. Abstract length is **limited to 2000 characters including spaces**. Do not include images or links in your abstract. Abstracts with this content, will not be accepted.
7. Non-conventional abbreviations are not allowed in the title, **that must be in English as well**. If abbreviations are used in the text, please write the full description when first used.

8. When submitting the abstract, authors are invited to select a specific congress topic (only one) from the following list:
- ACB: Anatomy / Cell Biology
  - COS: Cornea / Ocular Surface
  - EOVS: Electrophysiology / Physiological Optics / Vision Sciences
  - G: Glaucoma
  - IM: Immunology / Microbiology
  - LC: Lens and Cataract
  - MBGE: Molecular Biology / Genetics / Epidemiology
  - NSPH: Neuro-ophthalmology / Strabismology / Paediatric / History
  - PBP: Physiology / Biochemistry / Pharmacology
  - PO: Pathology / Oncology
  - RV: Retina / Vitreous

### ACCREDITATION AND ABSTRACT PUBLICATION

1. To ensure full compliance with the accreditation criteria, all authors are reminded that **direct references to specific medical devices, pharmaceuticals or proprietary technologies developed, distributed or commercialised by companies are not permitted in abstracts**. However, it is permitted to describe methodologies, approaches or scientific results, provided that there are no explicit references to brand names, commercial products or identifiable technologies.
2. All accepted abstracts **will be published on EVER Congress website and on Acta Ophthalmologica** online journal.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION OF WORKS

#### Criteria and scores

Criterion	Description	Points
<b>a. Clarity</b>	Clear and comprehensible writing; correct use of scientific language	<b>15</b>
<b>b. Interest and originality</b>	New, original, and significant contribution to ophthalmology and/or vision sciences	<b>20</b>
<b>c. Aims/Purpose</b>	Clear and realistic objectives, with well-reasoned justification/hypothesis	<b>20</b>
<b>d. Material and methods</b>	Appropriate selection of sample, instruments, and analysis; methodological rigor	<b>10</b>
<b>e. Results</b>	Clear, logical, and rigorous presentation of findings	<b>20</b>
<b>f. Conclusions</b>	Logical, concise, and well-supported conclusions	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

#### Selection of works

1. Submissions ranked below 50 will be rejected.
2. Rapid Fire (authors under 35 years old) and Free Papers will be selected from the top 20% of submissions.



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## AWARDS

### Travel grants

Travel grants will be awarded to submissions ranked >70, submitted by presenters from an inclusive or low/middle-income country (list available [here](#)) who are under 35 years old. Acceptance of the travel grant involves giving a rapid-fire presentation.

### Young Investigator Awards

Finalists for the YIA will be selected from authors under the age of 35 whose abstract was ranked in the top 10% of submissions.

Finalists will be evaluated by two on-site judges during the YIA sessions. They will give an 8–12-minute oral presentation on their work. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony. Young investigators are also requested to prepare a poster to be displayed during the assigned poster session.

### Best Rapid-Fire Awards

Two on-site evaluators will assess the rapid-fire presentations during their respective sessions, and the winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

### Best Poster Awards

Abstracts ranked in the top 30% of submissions will be evaluated by two on-site evaluators during the poster sessions. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

**Attendance at the award ceremony is mandatory, as the winners will be officially announced during the ceremony.** Only those present at the ceremony will receive the prize. If you are selected but do not attend, the award will not be granted.

**REGISTRATION IN THE EVENT IS MANDATORY FOR ABSTRACT PRESENTERS**