

Late-Breaker Abstracts Guidelines

Online abstract submissions are open from **17 August – 15 September 2021**

TBScience 2021 has been integrated into the 52nd Union World Conference on Lung Health programme schedule and will be held virtually from 19-22 October 2021. Call for Late-Breaker Abstracts for TBScience is now open until 15 September.

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Abstracts should:

1. Present new research with results from the **last 6 months** prior to the submission deadline (from 16 March 2021 onwards)
 2. Contain original data **not published** at the time of the abstract submission deadline
 3. Unlike the initial call for abstracts, Late-Breaker abstracts do **not** need to align with one of the four conference themes selected for this year's edition of TBScience. However, they do need to focus on any of the **following research fields**:
 - a. Basic research (microbiology, immunology, -omics, etc)
 - b. Animal model studies
 - c. Clinical research
 - d. Epidemiology and transmission modeling
 4. The following abstracts are ineligible:
 - a. Implementation, operational and programmatic research
 - b. Descriptive epidemiology (e.g. prevalence surveys)
 - c. Health economics, social science research
- All Late-Breaker abstract submissions must be online via the dedicated system that will be available **from 17 August to 15 September**. Abstracts submitted by email or any alternative method will not be considered.
 - All oral presentations will be **pre-recorded**. By submitting an abstract, the author agrees to share the presentation recording via a dedicated platform with all registered participants (during the conference and on-demand after the conference)
 - Persons submitting TBScience 2021 abstracts will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their submissions by **late September**.
 - 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 abstract content and will be the contact person for submission/ communication purposes. The corresponding author will also be 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 your abstract, click on “Institutes” to fill the affiliation fields.
- Please note that alternate language interpretations of presentations will not be provided.

ABSTRACT INFORMATION

TEXT

- The abstract should be in English, and no more than **300 words**.
- 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.
 - If you wish to submit a table with your abstract, it should not be larger than 5 rows by 10 columns.
 - If you wish to submit a figure with your abstract, note the maximum file size of each graph/image 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: 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 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 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

- Authors are given flexibility with regards to the structure of their abstract.
- No imposed abstract sections such as Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions are required.
- It is the responsibility of the author to present the abstract in a cohesive way

USE OF NON-STIGMATISING LANGUAGE

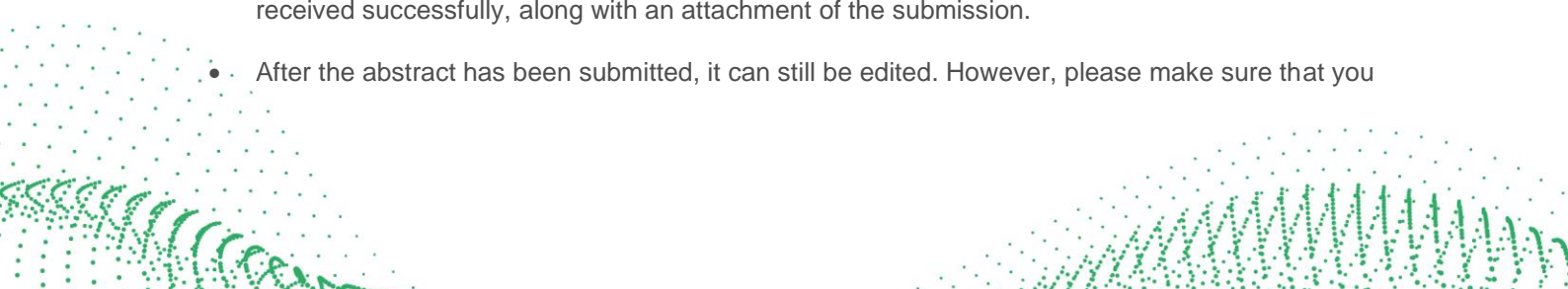
- The Union is committed to promoting people-centred language in all conference abstracts and presentations.
- When drafting your abstract, The Union requests you follow the guidance laid out in the Stop TB Partnership's publication, *Suggested Language and Usage for Tuberculosis (TB) Care, Communications and Publications*.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

- To submit a new abstract, create a user account on the abstract submission platform
- 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 submissions on that topic will be automatically rejected.

POST-SUBMISSION

- The corresponding author will receive an email confirmation that the submitted abstract has been received successfully, along with an attachment of the submission.
 - After the abstract has been submitted, it can still be edited. However, please make sure that you
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submit it in its final version 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 review 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 abstracts by late-September.
- Abstracts that are not accepted cannot be reconsidered for review or presentation at the conference.

TO INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION:

- Confirmation that the work has not been previously submitted for consideration to the general portion of the Union World Conference.
- The address, phone and email address where the author may be contacted.

