

## Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Abstracts

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#### 1. Guidelines for preparation of abstracts

Abstracts are called under the following broad tracks/themes.

- Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry
- Natural Products and Medicinal Chemistry
- Immunology and Infectious Diseases
- Omics Sciences and Precision Medicine
- Population Genetics and Peopling of Asia
- Cancer Biology
- Climate Change and Environmental Management
- Bioentrepreneurship

i) Title

Should be brief and explain the study reported. Use “Times New Roman” size 12 bold fonts with 1.5 line spacing. Use uppercase letters only for the first letter in the first word, first letter of the proper nouns and standard abbreviations such as DNA.

ii) The authors' names and addresses

- a. Uppercase letters should be used only for the initials, the first letters of the surnames and each word in address lines (except short prepositions and articles)
- b. The address of the Institution where the work was carried out should be included under the author's name(s).
- c. If the collaborators are from different Institutions, the addresses of the Institutions should be included in brief. In this case, the addresses of the co-authors should be indicated by a number in superscript after the author's names and before the respective addresses, as shown below.

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iii) The text of the abstract (Unstructured) should **not exceed 300 words**.

iv) Use the font “Times New Roman” size 11 with 1.5 line spacing on the A4 page.

v) Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.

- vi) The abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
- vii) A maximum of five keywords should be provided under the body of the abstract.
- viii) Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies. Authors are requested to adhere to the following formats.

*eg: a. This work was supported by National Funding Agency (grant no)*

*b. This work was supported by the XX University and constitutes a part of MSc studies of author YY*

*c. This work was supported by the IBMBB & Medical Research Institute (06/2016) and constitutes a part of the PhD studies of author YZ*

## **2. Declaration by authors**

- i) The declaration form must be signed and uploaded by the Corresponding Author (scanned copy) along with each abstract submitted.
- ii) All correspondence will be addressed to the Corresponding Author. If the Corresponding Author is a student, it is mandatory that the declaration form should be signed by the supervising authors(s).
- iii) In the event, that the presenter indicated in the submission form is unable to present the paper, it is the responsibility of the Corresponding Author either to withdraw the paper in advance or arrange for one of the Co-authors to present the paper.

## **3. Abstract submission**

- i) The abstract should be in **three formats**, and the declaration form should be submitted online through the web portal (<https://indico.ibmbb.cmb.ac.lk/>). The three abstract formats are as follows;
  - a. A Word file of the abstract including name (s) of the author(s) and institutional affiliations.
  - b. A Word file with only the title and text excluding names(s) of author(s) and Institutional affiliations
  - c. A pdf file of only the title and text excluding names(s) of author(s) and Institutional affiliations
- ii) Abstracts can be submitted **till 23.55 h on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**
- iii) The editorial committee reserves the right to edit the accepted abstracts for clarity.

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