Requirements for Submission of “Hot Topic” Abstracts

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The purpose of the late-breaking abstracts is to give researchers the opportunity to report recently generated research on timely cardiothoracic imaging topics. An emphasis will be placed upon new and emerging research pertaining to “hot topics” and advanced novel imaging methods such as lung cancer screening, functional respiratory imaging, molecular imaging, dual-energy CT, PET-MRI, and cutting-edge cardiovascular imaging techniques.

Scientific work deemed appropriate for presentation at the World Congress of Thoracic Imaging includes:

- Original, new, and significant scientific work that has not been presented at other scientific meetings or previously published in journals.
- Major updates and/or significant follow-up on established procedures and/or research.
- Additional definition of previous studies that modify in a major way an understanding of techniques or technologies.

Abstract Preparation & Submission Instructions*

- Abstracts must be submitted electronically to www.4wcti.org. The deadline is Monday, January 23, 2017 at 23:59 Eastern Standard Time, USA. [03:59 January 24th Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)]
- Total abstract body character limit is 2200. Total maximum abstract title character limit is 250, and the minimum character limit of 50. No tables, images or figures may be used.
- Abstracts may only be submitted for Oral Presentation.
- All abstracts must be structured using the following section headings, or they will not be reviewed for possible acceptance:
  - **Purpose:** A brief statement of the purpose of the study.
  - **Materials and Methods:** Clear, but brief, description of the study design.
  - **Results:** A summary of the study results, including sufficient details to support the abstract conclusions.
  - **Conclusions:** A brief statement concerning the significance of the work and its possible implications for future research.
- Type the abstract in English within the box provided. The abstract title must be in title case, flush with the left margin of the box. Use upper and lower case letters as appropriate for abbreviations in the title.
- No reference should be made in the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors.

- In order to comply with the Standards of Commercial Support of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), product names may not be included in the title or body of the abstract or the abstract may be disqualified. Please use generic, not commercial, names for all therapeutic agents.

- By submitting your work to the WCTI for consideration, you grant permission for your scientific abstract and/or poster to be published online and in print in the meeting program and online in the Journal of Thoracic Imaging. You also grant permission for the WCTI to display your presentation content on the website.

- All complete submissions received by the abstract deadline will be reviewed. Late submissions will not be reviewed.

- The submitted abstract including the body of the abstract, author(s), and institution(s) cannot be altered or updated after the submission deadline unless approved by the Program Committee. Please be sure to check that your abstract is complete prior to the submission deadline.

- Decisions of the Program Committee will be made known to all presenting authors by email mid-February 2017. It is the responsibility of the presenting author to notify all co-authors of the Program Committee’s decision.

### Topic Categories

To facilitate the review and selection process, abstracts must be categorized according to one of the listed topics below.

#### Thoracic Topics

i. Chest Radiography  
ii. Emphysema and Airways Disease  
iii. Functional Lung Imaging  
iv. Diffuse Lung Disease  
v. Dual Energy CT, Molecular Imaging  
vi. Infection  
vii. Interventional/Ablation  
viii. Lung Nodule  
ix. Lung Cancer Screening  
x. Radiation Dose Reduction  
xii. Thoracic Malignancy  
xii. Vascular  
xiii. Other (Thoracic)

#### Cardiac Topics

i. Acute Chest Pain  
ii. Non Ischemic Cardiomyopathy and Cardiac Function  
iii. Myocardial Viability and Ischemia  
iv. Congenital  
v. Molecular Imaging, PET/MR, PET/CT  
vi. Valvular Imaging  
vii. Other (Cardiac)
Submission Types

Abstract Submission:
All abstract submissions will only be considered for Oral Presentation: 10 minutes. Delivered during a scientific session, PowerPoint slide format. The presenting author is allowed 7 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions.

Disclosure Requirements

The World Congress of Thoracic Imaging will be jointly provided by the Society for Thoracic Radiology (STR).

In order to comply with the ACCME Updated Standards for Commercial Support, STR, as the accredited CME provider of this activity, has implemented a disclosure process to ensure that anyone who is in a position to control the content of the educational activity has disclosed to us all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest as it pertains to the content of the presentation. The goal of this process is not to exclude people who have conflicts, but to manage these conflicts while benefiting from your expertise.

The need for disclosure does extend to unrestricted laboratory grants. Please note that direct employees of an ACCME defined Commercial Interest are not eligible to deliver presentations. In addition, any off-label use of an FDA-approved product, or any use of a non-FDA approved device must be disclosed. When you complete your abstract submission, you will be required to complete disclosure information for ALL authors.

- Disclose any relevant financial relationships for any and all authors listed in the title string. Specific definitions are included in the online submission process.
- Be prepared to speak with the Program Committee Chair to resolve any disclosed conflicts.
- In the event your work is selected for presentation, list all disclosed conflicts on a slide placed at the beginning of your presentation.

Should it be determined that a conflict of interest exists as a result of a financial relationship you may have, you will be contacted and methods to resolve the conflict will be discussed with you. In addition, all affirmative disclosures must be revealed by a slide at the beginning of the presentation and must be acknowledged from the podium. Failure or refusal to disclose or the inability to resolve the identified conflict may result in the withdrawal of the invitation to participate.

Contacts

If you have difficulty uploading files or navigating the abstract submission site, please contact technical assistance: support@abstractsonline.com or 1-217-398-1792.

If you have questions regarding submission policies, presentation formats and author requirements please contact the 4WCTI meeting administrative office: meetings@4wcti.org or 1-978-927-8330.