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Abstract Submission Site Opens	21 August 21 2017
Abstract Submission Deadline	1 December 2017
Abstract Notifications Emailed to Presenters	Late February 2018
Presenter Registration Deadline	21 March 2018

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Join us in Barcelona, Spain, at the Fira Gran Via conference center for the 36th World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC) of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), the premier and largest international ophthalmic congress, with over 15,000 delegates expected to attend from over 130 countries. The WOC is held every two years in a different region of the world and provides an international audience of ophthalmologists with:

- A scientific program addressing all subspecialties and related interests in ophthalmology
- The opportunity to network with recognized international leaders and professionals
- An exhibition featuring the latest products and services in the field

WHERE & WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT NOW

Site Opens: Monday, 21 August 2017

Deadline: Friday, 1 December 2017 (11:59 PM PST)

Please review the abstract submission instructions as outlined within this document prior to submitting your abstract. You may submit your abstract by clicking the button above or wherever it appears online on the official WOC2018 website or by going directly to the Scientific Program Software at: www.wocabstracts.org. Any questions may be directed to the ICO Scientific Program Team at scientificprogram@icoph.org.

PRESENTATION DATES & TIMES

Presentations will take place over the dates of Saturday, 16 June through Tuesday, 19 June 2018. Sessions will run 90 minutes each starting at 08:30 and concluding at 17:30 each day, with breaks throughout the day. More [details can be found here](#).

ABSTRACT RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Individuals may only be the **main presenter** for a **maximum of two submitted abstracts**, and each individual may only submit a **maximum of two abstracts**.
2. Abstracts being submitted must be original research.
3. All abstracts must be submitted in either English or Spanish only. Accepted presentations are expected to be given in the language used in the abstract submission.
4. Submitters may not split one study into several papers.
5. Individuals may co-author multiple abstracts.
6. Presenter must disclose any potential personal and/or co-author conflicts of interest and agree to the WOC Author & Presenter Agreement Form, WOC Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form along with the WOC Speaker Consent & Release Form during submission.
7. Abstracts should not be submitted on material that will also be presented during an Invited Program session at the WOC2018.
8. The Submitted Program Reviewers reserve the right to reclassify submitted abstracts into the most appropriate subspecialty category.
9. Abstracts may only be submitted after 21 August 2017, via the [online abstract submission site](#). Faxed, mailed, or emailed copies will not be reviewed.
10. The submitter of the abstract must receive the approval of all co-authors before including their names on the abstract.
11. There will not be an abstract replacement period.
12. **Abstracts are reviewed as they have been submitted by the deadline of 1 December 2017. Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed for inclusion in the scientific program and will be withdrawn from the review process. Presenters are not permitted to modify their abstracts after the deadline date. One specific exception is described in the Presenter Changes section on page 11.**

PRESENTER AGREEMENT

All presenting authors must agree to the following conditions when submitting an abstract:

1. Any work with human or animal subjects reported in the abstract complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures found in the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association, and this research project has been duly cleared by my Institutional Review Board (IRB) or the ICO Ethics Committee.
2. If the abstract is accepted, the ICO has permission to publish the abstract in printed and/or electronic formats.
3. Register for the meeting and pay the appropriate registration fee by the presenter registration deadline of **21 March 2018**.

Failure to register by 21 March 2018, will result in the abstract being automatically withdrawn from the Program Book, Online Abstract System, and from presentation at the Congress.

ICO ABSTRACT LICENSING POLICY

By submitting an abstract to the ICO, and in consideration for the opportunity to be included in the WOC presentations, the author(s) of the abstract hereby provides to the ICO a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use the abstract in the ICO's electronic mediums and printed materials. The author(s) grants the permission to reproduce his/her image (including photos) to create documentation to be published on the internet (including streaming) and to make the audio/video recording (synchro recording system), and photographs of the presentation to produce educational materials. The presentation will be reproduced in full compliance with its contents both in terms of scientific results and information, associated with the image and the data of the undersigned.

ICO FULL DISCLOSURE POLICY

The ICO seeks to provide participants in its education sessions with current, scientifically-based information relevant to ophthalmology and eye health of the public. Once a presenter is selected for a particular topic, the ICO makes no attempt to control the content of the presentation or the content of any submitted abstract. Therefore, in submitting an abstract for presentation and publication, a presenter represents and warrants to the ICO that any intellectual property associated with or contained in the content of the abstract or presentation is owned by the presenter or the presenter is authorized to use said content along with any applicable intellectual property associated with the content.

A presenter may be required by the ICO to provide adequate written assurance that the presenter is authorized to use the content of the abstract or presentation. If the ICO requests such written assurance and the presenter fails to provide the requested documentation, the presenter may be denied the ability to make the presentation. For any abstract or presentation, the presenter and any applicable co-authors of the content must be identified by full name and any affiliation. The presenter also must have received the approval from the co-author(s) to have their name(s) associated with the abstract and its content prior to submission.

ICO FULL DISCLOSURE POLICY continued

The presenter further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the ICO from any and all claims of third parties regarding the content of the abstract or presentation, including but not limited to any claims of infringement of intellectual property or misappropriation of proprietary or trade secret information.

In order to meet the CME regulations of the ACCME, the ICO must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all presentations at the WOC2018. This guideline is not intended to prevent a presentation; it is merely intended to openly identify potential conflicts so that audience members may form their own judgments about the presentation with a full disclosure of the facts.

To ensure fairness to the audience and the public, the ICO requires each presenter and co-authors to disclose:

1. Any financial relationship between the presenter and/or co-authors and
 - a. A company that manufactures or distributes a product discussed in the presentation, or
 - b. A company whose product competes, or may compete, with a product discussed in the presentation must be disclosed to the ICO upon approval on the abstract form and must be disclosed to the audience at the beginning of the presentation.

As used in this document, "financial relationship" includes a consulting arrangement or the conduct or research for the company by the presenter, co-author, and/or a member of the presenter's or co-author's immediate family. It also includes ownership of stock or other interest in a company by the presenter or co-author, and/or a trust of which the presenter, co-author, or a member of the presenter's or co-author's immediate family is a beneficiary, to the best knowledge of the presenter.

2. All presentations must be made in a professional manner, without disparaging colleagues, companies or products. Unnecessarily demeaning comments and attacks on colleagues, companies or products are unacceptable.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in sanctions as deemed appropriate by the ICO, including denial of permission to present at future WOC's.

PREPARING TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

All abstracts must be submitted online after 21 August 2017, via the ICO/WOC [online abstract submission system](#). Each completed submission is peer-reviewed for its scientific content by abstract reviewers comprising of the Submitted Program Subcommittee and the Submitted Program Convener.

Important Submission Elements

1. **Subspecialty Category:** All abstracts must be submitted to an appropriate Subspecialty category for review based on the scientific content of the abstract. A select number of abstracts are recategorized each year. To ensure your abstract is more likely to be graded by peers familiar with your research topic, please make sure to select the most appropriate category.
2. **Titles:** Abstract titles are limited to 120 characters or less. The title should be dynamic and conclusive, rather than descriptive, and should be entered in title case format. In general, you should **capitalize only the first letter of each word** unless it is a preposition or article.
3. **Authors:** Each author should be added separately to the submission to ensure proper listing. Please first use the Search function in the software to avoid adding a duplicate account for the author you are listing in the abstract. If the Search yields no results, you may then proceed with adding a new author. The software requires that the following information be provided: first (given) name and last (family/surname) name for each author in addition to his or her country of residence and email address. Please also provide the remaining contact information requested in the software, if it is known. For Free Paper, Poster, and Instruction Course submissions, one person must be identified as the presenting author. The order of the authors can be modified at any time prior to the abstract submission deadline. Due to space limitations, the ICO may or may not list each author's institution/university in the WOC2018 printed program book. Please ensure all information is properly capitalized and is not written in all caps.
4. **Abstract Text:** All abstracts should be 400 words or fewer. When composing your text, be sure to use a word processor in order to save your abstract in advance. It is advised that you do not write your abstract directly into the abstract software in case for any reason your internet connection is lost. Do not include your abstract title or authors in the abstract text as this information is collected separately. Do not include references. If the abstract is based on research that was funded entirely or partially by an outside source, then be sure to enter the appropriate information (funding agency and grant number if applicable) when completing your Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. Whether your abstract is selected for oral or poster presentation, any potential conflicts of interest **must also be** disclosed therein. You do not need to re-enter the information within your abstract text. Figures, tables, charts, references and/or illustrations are not permitted.

PREPARING TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT continued

5. **Special Characters:** Special characters in the title or body of the abstract or in the co-author's names or affiliations should be entered into the system using the formatting function in the submission system.
6. **Content of the Abstract:** Titles, authors and authors' affiliations are not included in the 400 word limit, and references are not collected by the ICO. The abstract must contain:
 - a. The objectives of the investigation,
 - b. Experimental methods used,
 - c. Essential results, including data and, where appropriate, statistics,
 - d. Conclusion
7. **Other important information that may be asked and should be submitted during the submission process:**
 - **Education Level/Target Audience:** for certain submission types, the ICO will ask you to identify the Education Level and Target Audience for your abstract. The options for **Education Level** are: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. The options for **Target Audience** are: Generalist, Generalist/Subspecialist, Subspecialist.
 - **Contact Information:** **the ICO will only correspond with the presenting author listed on the abstract regardless of who may have submitted the abstract.** Thus, make sure to include a correct email address/phone number for the presenting author. If the presenting author relocates or if any of his or her contact information changes prior to the WOC2018, please be sure to notify the **ICO Scientific Program Team at scientificprogram@icoph.org** with the new information.

CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE

Presentations will be selected for inclusion in the program based on the scientific quality of the work as judged from the abstract. An impartial panel of reviewers (minimum of three persons) will evaluate the content of each abstract in a blind review (reviewers will not see the submitter's name and institution/university/affiliation). Selection of the abstracts will be made by these reviewers and by the Submitted Program Convener, whose decision is final.

The following are the evaluation criteria used in the review of abstracts. This is provided to call your attention to points that will be considered. In the final analysis, it will be the reviewers' judgement of the value of any abstract that will determine whether the abstract should appear in the program. Because the abstracts will be published online and will become part of the industry's scientific literature, it is important that the content be scientifically sound and grammatically correct. Each abstract is reviewed so that high standards can be achieved.

CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE continued

Common reasons for rejection are:

1. Abstract is not original research. Material presented in abstract violated copyright laws and/or included plagiarized content.
2. The research is not innovative in its approach to the stated problem (methodology or data collection or analysis or data interpretation).
3. Work presented in abstract did not comply with the ICO's Research Standards developed by the ICO Ethics Committee (<http://www.icoph.org/downloads/icoethicalcode.pdf>).
4. Nature of problem is not clearly stated from either title or abstract. Abstract is a general description or reads like an advertisement.
5. Material is too similar to that presented in another abstract submitted by the same co-authors; should have been combined into a single paper.
6. Abstract poorly organized and/or not complete. Any of the following required information is not provided in the abstract:
 - a. Objective/Purpose
 - b. Methods
 - c. Results and Conclusion
7. Methods of obtaining data are not appropriate with respect to the stated problem for the following reasons:
 - a. Methods not sufficiently precise to permit the measurements to be accurate.
 - b. Size of sample insufficient to be evaluable.
 - c. No well-defined criteria given for evaluation of variables.
 - d. Choice of controls questionable.
 - e. No control groups reported.
8. Significance of results related to the nature of the problem being studied is not stated.
9. Conclusions do not follow as a consequence of the method of analysis applied to the data.
10. Conclusions are not appropriate, i.e., conclusions have greater limitations than implied by the author.
11. Abstract is over word count.
12. Abstract is not fully in English (or Spanish) or so poorly written that it is hard to understand.
13. Abstract included libelous or defamatory content.

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES BY SUBSPECIALTY

Abstracts for the Submitted Program will be accepted into the following 20 Subspecialty areas:

Cataract and Lens Surgery	Ophthalmic Oncology
Contact Lens and Refraction	Ophthalmic Pathology and Microbiology
Cornea, External Eye Diseases & Eye Banking	Ophthalmic Pharmacology
Eye Care Delivery	Orbital, Oculoplastic, and Lacrimal Diseases
Glaucoma	Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
Interdisciplinary	Refractive Surgery
Neuro-Ophthalmology	Retina
Ocular Imaging	Uveitis
Ophthalmic Education	Vision Rehabilitation
Ophthalmic Epidemiology	Visual Sciences

MODES OF PRESENTATION

At the time of submission, you will be asked to select your preferred mode of presentation/ presentation type. However, not all requests can be accommodated and the final mode of your abstract will be determined by the Submitted Program Committee and Submitted Program Convener.

Free Paper Abstracts Only: Due to space limitations at the Congress venue, not all free paper abstracts may be accepted as oral presentations. Furthermore, the Submitted Program Committee and Submitted Program Convener may deem that certain abstracts are best suited for E-Posters. During the submission process, you will be asked if you are willing to submit your abstract as an E-Poster if it is not accepted as a Free Paper.

The WOC2018 will include presentations in the following modes:

Free Paper

Free paper sessions are made of up 9 individual oral presentations in a meeting room using powerpoint presentations (projector, laptop, screen and appropriate microphones provided). The session is organized around a central subspecialty or topic. Each presentation is seven minutes long with an additional three minutes for discussion, with two-three session chairs facilitating the session.

Instruction Course

An instruction course provides active and in-depth learning. Participants will engage an issue, learn a new and tangible skill, or develop an action plan or other activity where hands-on learning is integral. The learning experience should excite and encourage the participants to take risks, question assumptions, and fully engage in the learning process. Participants should leave the session with information to share with their home institutions. The sessions are given by a main instructor who may have co-instructors present to assist in the delivery of the instruction.

Combined Education Course

Three or four instruction course abstracts may be combined to form one educational course, with each "presentation" or course taking up 20 - 30 minutes. The courses will share a common theme or relate to each other in some way.

MODES OF PRESENTATION continued

E-Poster

Electronic display of the latest research results in the field of study. All accepted E-Posters are on display over the course of the Congress (Saturday through Tuesday) with a selected amount of presenters selected for an E-Poster Pod presentation (described below). E-Posters will include a title, financial disclosure slide, objective/purpose, methods, results, and conclusion. E-Poster participants will be asked to submit their E-Poster in advance which will be made available for viewing at select computer stations within the E-Poster/E-Video area on site throughout the Congress. There are no assigned presentation times for E-Posters.

E-Poster Pods

A select number of accepted Free Papers and E-Posters will be programmed into E-Poster Pods, and the presenting author will have an opportunity to give a short oral presentation to an audience. E-Poster Pod presenters will be assigned dates and times (individual presentations will be approximately 5 minutes each following by 3 minutes of discussion) and will take place inside Hall 6 at designated "pods." This format is used to provide networking opportunities and allows presenters to interact and engage with the audience. The E-Poster Pod presentation will include a title, financial disclosure, objective/purpose, methods, results, and conclusion. E-Poster Pod presenters will be asked to submit their E-Poster(s) in advance which will be made available for viewing at select computer stations within in the E-Poster/E-Video area on site on Saturday until Tuesday and during their assigned E-Poster Pod presentation time. Session chairs will be assigned to facilitate the E-Poster Pod sessions.

E-Video -WOC Barcelona International Film Festival 2018

Short E-Videos of one to five minutes in length. E-Videos can include presentations of a new examination, investigation, or technique or presentation of an interesting case and how it was managed. E-Video presenters will be required to use the same E-Video that was accepted. E-Videos will be made available for viewing at select computer stations within in the E-Poster/E-Video area on site throughout the Congress. There are no assigned presentation times for E-Videos. Recognition will be given to the top 5 films.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

If you have any special requests (i.e., religious, academic, travel/personal conflicts or any other special accommodation requirements), please contact the Scientific Program Team at scientificprogram@icoph.org. The ICO will not assist with any changes if you neglect to include any details regarding your request when submitting your abstract. If you book your travel arrangements prior to receiving your abstract acceptance/declination notification email, please book your return flight for the end of the meeting (late Tuesday, 19 June 2018). The ICO is unable to change presentation dates/times to accommodate individual travel schedules or requests made after submission. Please note that not all special requests may be accommodated but the Scientific Program Committee will do their best during scheduling.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE/DECLINATION

The official notifications will be emailed late **February 2018** to all **presenting authors (not authors or co-authors)** of either acceptance or declination of the submitted abstract.

If accepted, the notification will include the presentation mode assignment, date, session time and session code. An email containing your final room assignment will be sent after the Presenter registration deadline (21 March 2018), to all registered, accepted presenters.

PLEASE NOTE: All communication between the ICO and the presenter will take place via e-mail. The e-mail address used will be the one you supply for the **Presenting Author** when submitting your abstract for the PRESENTING AUTHOR. Please make sure that you enter a valid, long-term e-mail address that is frequently checked.

To ensure that you are able to receive e-mail correspondence from the ICO, please make sure that your e-mail software can receive mail from icoph.org domains. Please add the scientificprogram@icoph.org address to your address book.

After **late-February 2018**, the presentation mode/type or declination of your abstract cannot be changed and is considered final. Please do not contact the the ICO regarding the status of your abstract prior to this date. After the notifications are sent out, you may also view the acceptance/declination of your abstract by logging into the scientific program software (www.wocabstracts.org). Please contact the ICO if you have not yet received your notification email by 23:59 EST, 28 February 2018 : scientificprogram@icoph.org.

PRESENTER CHANGES

If the Presenting Author is unable to attend the meeting and wishes to name a substitute presenter, please be aware of the following guidelines:

- The Presenting Author is the only author that may request a presenter change.
- The substitute presenter must be a co-author.
- The substitute presenter must **NOT** already be scheduled to present 2 accepted abstracts.
- After the abstract submission deadline of 1 December 2017 and until 28 February 2018 all requests for presenter changes **MUST** be made using the Presenter Change/Withdraw Form (link to be made available upon request after the abstract submission deadline). Requests made using this form will be reviewed by the ICO before processing.
- Substitution requests must be made at least four weeks prior to the meeting and no later than 1 June 2018.
- Failure to follow the above procedures may result in the presenter being charged the full registration fee and/or being disqualified from presenting at a future WOC.

WITHDRAWAL OF ABSTRACTS

The following are the guidelines for withdrawing abstracts:

- You may withdraw your abstract at any time through 1 December 2017, without notifying the ICO, via the online abstract submission site (www.wocabstracts.org).
- Abstracts withdrawn between 1 December 2017 and 28 February 2018, must be withdrawn using the Presenter Change/Withdraw Form. Requests not submitted via this form will not be considered.
- Withdrawal requests must be received PRIOR to the start of the meeting.
- Lack of travel funds **will not/cannot** be considered as a valid reason for withdrawing an abstract from the meeting.
- Failure to follow the above procedures may result in the presenting author being charged the full registration fee and/or being disqualified from presenting at a future WOC.

PLEASE NOTE: Any submitted abstract that does not contain actual text or is otherwise incomplete will be automatically withdrawn after 1 December 2017. **Please make sure all submitted information is accurate before the deadline. No changes to abstract text including typos, incorrect/incomplete data, etc. will be permitted after 1 December 2017.**

PRESENTER REGISTRATION RATES

All presenters are required to register for the meeting by the presenter registration deadline of 21 March 2018. Failure to register by this date will result in the withdrawal of your accepted submission. To register, and for further information, please visit <http://www.icoph.org/woc2018>.

WOC2018 Registration Fees	On or before 13 December 2017	Between 14 December 2017 and 21 March 2018
Ophthalmologist of the ICO Member Society, SECOIR, SEO or SCO	€480	€525
Non-member Ophthalmologist	€570	€620
Scientist, Non-ophthalmologist Medical Doctor or Optometrist	€380	€430
Resident or Subspecialty Fellow	€240	€285
Allied Eye Health Professional	€145	€190
Medical Student	€145	€190

* Registration rates do not include Spanish VAT at 21%.

[Click here](#) to calculate the registration fees in your local currency.

[Click here](#) for a description of each registration category.

USE OF QR (Quick Response) CODES

Please Note: QR codes may not be submitted with your abstract. If you choose to include a QR Code, one may be added to your accepted poster that will be presented at the meeting.

QR codes are two-dimensional barcodes that are intended for rapid decoding of content. With a QR code reader, these codes can be scanned by smartphone users to secure the encoded information. QR codes may contain URLs, a PDF version of the research poster or a website's URL pointing to an online version of the research poster, contact information, coordinates, email addresses, phone numbers, SMS messages, and even just plain text.

Though not required, WOC permits you to create and use QR codes in conjunction with your poster as a method of sharing more information with meeting delegates. QR codes may be placed anywhere on the poster you want to link to external content, for example, to point to a video narration of the poster by the author, links to results, movies, graphics, data-sets, codes, etc. **QR codes may not direct to commercial content or a company website.** QR codes should have an expiration date of no later than 25 June 25 2020.

Any other use of a QR code is prohibited, and violation of this policy could result in a sanction from submitting abstracts to the WOC for the submitting authors and/or other restrictions from participation at the WOC.

WOC bears no responsibility for the generation or oversight of QR codes for any specific poster. The decision to include, and implementation of, QR codes on specific posters is the sole responsibility of the poster author.

Please visit your Android, Apple or BlackBerry mobile device's store to find the QR code reader for your specific device. To create a QR code, enter "QR Code Generator" into your search engine to find the right one for you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to be a belong to an ICO Member Society in order to submit an abstract? No, this is not a requirement in order to submit an abstract for consideration; however, if you are a member of a society that has membership with the ICO, SECOIR, SEO, or SCO, you can receive a discounted registration rate for the WOC2018.

How do I know if my abstract was successfully received? In the final step of the submission process, you will be asked to review all information you have entered for your abstract. If there are any incomplete steps, you will not be able to submit your abstract and it will remain in incomplete status until you finalize the submission. Upon finalization, you should receive an immediate email notification that the submission was successfully finalized. Please check your Spam/Junk folders if you do not receive this notification within ten minutes. You may also check the status by going to 'Submission Central' in the software - the Submission Status of each submitted abstract will be indicated.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS continued

Is there a word limit imposed on abstract titles? No, however, there is a limit of 120 characters or less. Titles should be submitted in title case. This is an Example of Title Case. Also, please do not type your title in all CAPS.

Is there a word limit imposed on abstract text? Yes, all abstract text must be composed of 400 words or fewer.

Can I change the Subspecialty Category after I complete my submission? Yes, you may return to your submission at any time **prior to the abstract submission deadline** to change the subspecialty category or make any other necessary edits by returning to the abstract submission site (www.wocabstracts.org) and clicking on the abstract in the 'My Submissions' section. Be sure to save your changes and finalize your abstract again even if it was previously finalized, otherwise it will be marked Incomplete. Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.

What is the abstract submission deadline? Friday, 1 December 1 (11:59 p.m. PST).

Can I make changes to my abstract text after the deadline? No. The ICO does not permit modifications to abstract text after the deadline under any circumstances. It is very important that you submit an error-free abstract and ensure that the information is complete.

If I forget to add an author, can I do so after the abstract deadline? Yes, you may still add a co-author if necessary by emailing the ICO Scientific Program Team at scientificprogram@icoph.org. However, please make every attempt to add all co-authors during the abstract submission process as we are unable to guarantee changes will be made once the deadline has passed.

Can I submit more than one abstract? Yes, each person is allowed to submit up to two (2) abstracts. However, please note that all individuals are also limited to **presenting** no more than 2 (two) accepted abstracts. The ICO permits you to be listed as a co-author on more than two abstracts.

When I submit my abstract, how do I indicate my preferred mode of presentation? You will be asked to select your presentation mode at the time of submission (Free Paper, Instruction Course, E-Poster, or E-Video). All decisions made by the Scientific Program Committee are final and you will be alerted if there is any change to your preferred method of presentation.

Should I put the abstract title, authors, and/or affiliations in the text of my abstract? No. These items will be collected separately during the abstract submission process. References are not collected.

Is there a limit on the number of co-authors that I can add to my abstract? Fifteen.

Can I submit previously published or presented work? No, previously published/presented work will **NOT** be accepted.

If I make a mistake during the abstract submission process, do I need to start a new submission? No. You can make changes to your abstract submission at any time **prior to the deadline** by logging into your account at www.wocabstracts.org and selecting the abstract you wish to edit. Be sure to save your changes and finalize your abstracts again. Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.

Will the ICO edit my abstract? No, once you submit your abstract, it will not be edited in any way for content other than to correct any typographical or grammatical errors that may appear in your abstract as this same text will appear online and in print.

WOC OnDemand – CME ELIGIBLE

For the first time, the scientific program will be available in an online library called **WOC2018 OnDemand**. When [registering](#) for WOC2018, be sure to upgrade your registration to the “GOLD” level to include WOC2018 OnDemand for an additional low price of €190 and earn additional CMEs. This special rate is only available to registered WOC2018 delegates.

WOC2018 OnDemand will contain more than 500 hours of recorded presentations from the following sessions:

- Invited Symposia (including Subspecialty Day sessions)
- Invited Videos
- Debates
- Case Studies
- Clinical Interest Groups
- Submitted Free Papers



Your OnDemand access will contain the following features to make learning convenient for even the busiest ophthalmologist:

- Slides with synchronized audio. This technology recreates the live session experience.
- Online access from any computer, tablet or smartphone. Start watching on one device and pick up where you left off on another device.
- CME Credits. Earning credits is easy, fast and convenient.
- Copies of presentations can be viewed on your computer for easier review and note taking.
- MP3 audio files are easily loaded on your favorite MP3 player, so you can listen to sessions while on-the-go.

QUESTIONS?

For questions related to abstract submission or the scientific program, please email: scientificprogram@icoph.org

For questions related to Congress registration and hotel reservations, please email: woc2018regshot@mci-group.com

THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in the WOC2018. We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!

