WOC2018 Submitted Program:
Late-Breaking News
Abstract Submission Guidelines

The Scientific Program Committee of WOC2018 welcomes the submission of abstracts for presentation in a special Late-Breaking News Abstract session at the WOC, held during 16–19 June 2018 in Barcelona, Spain.

The WOC recognizes that some rapidly advancing investigations may include results that were not available at the time of the abstract submission deadline of 1 December 2017. A Late-Breaking Abstract should highlight novel and substantive studies of high impact. The goal is to enrich the WOC2018 with outstanding studies that were completed after the general abstract submission deadline.

The WOC will allow authors to submit their Late-Breaking research for consideration for the 2018 Scientific Program; however, authors should carefully consider the following important information before submitting a Late-Breaking Abstract.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **15 MARCH 2018** Late-breaking Abstract Period Begins.
- **29 MARCH 2018** Late-breaking Abstract Period Closes.
- **26 APRIL 2018** Authors will be notified of their abstract’s status.
- **10 MAY 2018** All presenters are required to register for the Congress by this date.
1. The Late-Breaking Abstracts will be accepted beginning Thursday, 15 March 2018 and will close Thursday, 29 March 2018.

2. During submission, authors of Late-Breaking Abstracts will be asked to explain why their abstract was not ready by the regular deadline (1 December 2017) and deserves to be considered as Late-Breaking. This information will be available to reviewers.

3. Submissions will not be accepted from authors who are already presenting in the WOC program.

4. Late-Breaking abstracts will be considered for oral presentation only. Up to 18 abstracts from the Late-Breaking category will be selected for two oral sessions. Late-Breaking abstracts not accepted for oral presentation may be considered for an E-Poster presentation.

5. Abstracts may be submitted in English or Spanish.

6. Late-Breaking Abstracts will undergo regular peer-review evaluation.

7. Late-Breaking Abstracts should highlight novel and substantive studies of high impact. Examples of suitable Late-Breaking Abstracts might include the results of a practice-changing prospective clinical trial or the discovery of a mechanism underlying or characterizing a disease process, which were not fully available by the general abstract submission deadline.

8. Late-Breaking Abstracts will not be considered for awards.

9. This category is not intended to offer a second deadline for regular abstract submissions.

10. All attending authors will be required to pay the applicable registration fee.

11. Each individual may submit two abstracts as a presenting author at the Congress.

12. Once submitted, no changes may be made to your submission. Please make sure all the submitted information is accurate before emailing your abstract.

13. Authors will be notified by 26 April 2018 if their abstract has been accepted for presentation.

14. Important note: previously published or presented abstracts will not be accepted. Please carefully read the guidelines above before attempting to submit. Revisions to previously rejected abstracts will not be considered.
FURTHER INFORMATION

- Do not include any figures, tables, charts, references or illustrations.
- Avoid statements like “Results will be discussed,” which may lead to rejection of the abstract.
- All abstracts must not exceed 400 words in length for the body text and written in English or Spanish. The title of the abstract should be no more than 30 words in English or Spanish.
- To ensure a fair and complete review and that your details are correctly and completely entered into the scientific program software, we will have to reject any forms that are missing information.

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REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

According to the policy of the ICO and the WOC, all participants in the scientific program will be responsible for their own registration fees, hotel and travel expenses. Since all of participants, including all those in leadership positions, are covering their own expenses, we regret that we cannot waive registration fees or cover expenses for any Scientific Program Committee members, including Coordinators, Chairs, Speakers or Participants. By doing this, the WOC2018 ensures all financial surpluses go to supporting the very worthwhile programs and initiatives of the ICO. All presenters will be required to register for the Congress no later than 10 May 2018.

EVALUATION

Abstracts will be reviewed for their structure, content, perceived value to WOC2018 registrants and degree of innovation. All decisions are final.
PUBLICATION

The abstracts will be published electronically. Abstracts should be submitted in clear and concise English or Spanish. The author is responsible for using correct grammar and spelling, but the Scientific Program Committee reserves the right to edit abstracts for grammar and spelling.

DISCLOSURES

Presenters at the WOC2018 (including E-Poster sessions) will be required to disclose any financial interests related to the presentations. Guidelines for disclosure will be provided.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Abstract submissions can only be made via WOC2018 Late-breaking Abstract Submission Form. Abstracts may not be submitted by fax or any other means.

Access the WOC2018 Late-breaking Abstract Submission Form here (available starting 15 March): goo.gl/forms/yVXmJkh1ODiEm8x03

QUESTIONS?

For questions related to Late-Breaking Abstract Submissions or the WOC2018 Scientific Program, please email: scientificprogram@icoph.org

For questions related to Congress registration, please email: woc2018reghot@mci-group.com

THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in the WOC2018 and we look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!