

# 14th International Conference On Thalassaemia & Haemoglobinopathies

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## 16th TIF International Conference for Patients & Parents

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### Call for Abstracts

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is an abstract?**

An abstract is a stand-alone statement that briefly explains, in a non-repetitive style, the essential information of a study. The abstract presents the purpose, methods, results and conclusions.

#### **How many abstracts can I submit?**

There is no limit to the number of abstracts an individual may submit, but the same research cannot be submitted twice, even under a different topic/category or with a different title.

#### **Can I submit an abstract by email?**

No, abstracts can be submitted only via the online submission service. Any abstract sent by email will not be accepted.

#### **What if I have a problem with online submission?**

We would be happy to assist you if you have any problems, please email us at [thalassaemia.org.cy](mailto:thalassaemia.org.cy)

#### **How much does it cost to submit an abstract?**

Abstract submission is free of charge.

#### **Who reviews the abstracts?**

Each valid submitted abstract will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee experienced professionals.

#### **How will your abstract be assessed?**

The following criteria will be used when assessing the abstract:

- Does the abstract address a relevant problem related to haemoglobinopathies?
- Is the methodology adequate and acceptable?
- Have the data/findings been interpreted appropriately?
- Are the results clearly presented?
- Are the conclusions supported by the presented data?
- Are the contents of the abstract clear and intelligible?

#### **What language can I use in the abstract?**

All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English using UK English spelling with accurate grammar and spelling suitable for publication.

### **How many words should my abstract contain?**

Text of the abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words, structured with subheadings (background, method, results and conclusion). References must not be included in the abstract. Tables, graphs and formulas should be avoided.

### **What are the guidelines for submitting abstracts?**

All abstract submissions should follow the Guidelines below:

- Abstract submissions will be accepted in **English only**
- Titles to be provided with **capitalized letters**
- Text of the abstracts should be a **maximum of 300 words**, structured with subheadings (background, method, results and conclusion). References must not be included in the abstract. Tables, graphs and formulas should be avoided.
- Notification of the **abstract category**
- Submissions should clearly state the **name(s) and surnames of the authors**
- Name, surname, address and e-mail address of the **presenting author**, to whom the confirmation and further correspondence will be sent
- Indicate the **institutions** of the authors.

### **How can I be considered for Oral Presentation?**

All abstracts will be considered for Poster Presentations. Should you also wish to be considered for an Oral Presentation (limited slots available), please indicate so during submission in the relevant field

### **I have submitted my abstract but I need to make a correction in the content/title/authors list. What can I do?**

Once submitted, there is no possibility to correct the abstract content or information (such as authors list, topic, category....). In order to correct your abstract, you must first withdraw it (see below withdrawal procedure) and then submit the updated version prior to the deadline. Note that such replacement of your abstract is not possible after the submission deadline. In the case of errors discovered after the deadline, you may indicate the correction during your presentation at the congress. However, changes will not be included in the publications.

### **Can I submit the same abstract to another conference?**

Yes.

### **When will I receive the abstract acceptance notification?**

The abstract results will be sent by email **to each abstract submitter** in July 2017, indicating their status (poster and/or oral presentation).

### **What size should posters be?**

Posters should fall within the dimensions of **70cm (width) x 100cm (length)**.

### **Can I change the assigned Presenter?**

The submitter will be asked to assign the presenter upon receipt of acceptance. If the presenter needs to be changed afterwards, please send an email to [thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy) as soon as possible. In all cases, the presenter must be part of the submitted authors list and be able to present and discuss all aspects of the research.

### **What about the abstract presenter registration?**

All abstract presenters must register for the congress and pay full registration fees. Results are announced early enough to benefit from the early fee registration (deadline is 31 July 2017).

Any abstract(s) whose presenters have not completed registration by 31 July 2017 will be removed from the programme, and subsequent Conference publications (e.g. abstract book).

**I need to withdraw my abstract. How should I proceed?**

The abstract submitter needs to send an email to [thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy) with the abstract number and title, asking for withdrawal.

**Where will my abstract be published?**

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Abstract and/or Proceedings Book (printed and/or online) and authors will be eligible for application to the Sultan Bin Khalifa Thalassaemia Award ([www.sita.ae](http://www.sita.ae)) and Panos Englezos Prize (<http://med.unic.ac.cy/announcing-a-prize-award/162#.V0f6SJF96M8>).

**Who is my audience?**

There are different audiences for your abstract at the Congress

- The congress delegates, who will come to see your work because they may have topic related interest: scientists, surgeons, clinicians, researchers, nurses, general practitioners, technicians, trainees
- An international haemoglobinopathy specialist community looking for scientific exchange and networking
- Wider audiences who can't attend the congress but whose access abstracts online, after congress

A well written abstract is a way of making your project known, informing practice and/or education and establishing connections with other researchers in your field of interest.

**What is the deadline for abstract submission?**

18 June 2017

For additional questions, please email us at [thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy)