

## **Instructions for abstract submission to IHN Athens Symposium 11-12 April 2024**

The IHN Seminar Committee invites and encourages the submission of original, unpublished material for consideration as a presentation at the IHN Athens Symposium 2024. The Symposium will be held **in person** in Athens, Greece.

Why not submit an abstract and share your best practice, recent surveillance outcomes, and/or research?

Areas of interest are:

- **Transfusion Education**
- **Quality Assurance and audit**
- **Incident investigation and human factors**
- **Innovation and Quality Improvement Projects**
- **Organizational aspects of haemovigilance systems**
- **Haemovigilance implementation (national, regional, or local)**
- **Transfusion medicine and haemovigilance**
- **Donor vigilance: Long term effects of donation**
- **Biovigilance of non-blood derived medical products of human origin**
- **Transfusion microbiology, Emerging infectious diseases and Pathogen inactivation**
- **Haemoglobinopathies related issues**

Abstracts can only be accepted if received in the requested format. To submit an abstract please click [Abstract Submission Portal](#)

### **DEADLINE: 19.02.24**

Abstracts are invited for presentation, either oral or poster, at the IHN ATHENS Symposium, 11-12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. *Abstracts must be original and must not have been previously published or presented at other conferences.*

Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words excluding abstract title and authors and will be subject to review by the abstract review process. Top scoring abstracts will be selected for 10-minute oral presentations as part of the symposium programme.

### **Abstract Structure**

Your abstract must set out clearly the purpose of the study and must include data to support your conclusions and should include page numbers.

Abstracts should include:

**Background/Introduction** - a brief statement of purpose or why the study was done;

**Methods or Study Design** - a description of the methods used or work done;

**Results** - a summary of the results observed;

**Conclusions** - a statement of the conclusions based on the reported results, including any recommendations.

Data should be summarised, abstracts should include numbers studied etc, "results will be discussed" or "data will be presented" is not sufficient and may lead to the abstract being rejected.

### **Abstract Criteria**

- State the reason for the study/research/Educational project / Quality improvement project
- Describe methods and/or study design
- Present data and results clearly
- Interpret results and state their significance
- Explain terms before abbreviating them

### **Reviewers may reject abstracts because:**

- The data are considered insufficient
- The conclusion cannot be reached from the data presented
- The abstract is poorly presented with spelling or grammatical errors - Write clearly and concisely

Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, may put future abstract submissions at risk. The presenter must register and attend the annual symposium.

References are discouraged, however if references are essential, they should be within the text, in the form: (Smith et al. Eur J Anaesth 1998; 15: 100-1).

### **What happens next**

All submitting authors will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of their submission.

Abstracts will be reviewed in late February 2024.

Authors will be notified of the outcome of their submissions by 1 March 2024.