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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract Submission Deadline	December 11, 2022, 23:59pm (EST)
Abstract Selection Notification	February 2023

Abstract Submission Guidelines
2023 IPEG/ESPES Joint Meeting
July 5-8, 2023

Hilton Sorrento Palace
Sorrento, Italy

GENERAL INFORMATION

SUBMISSION - Abstracts must be submitted via the [Oxford Abstract Submission Site](#).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE- December 11, 2022, 11:59 pm Eastern Time USA.

NOTIFICATIONS - Sent to authors in late February 2023. Notifications are sent to the contact author's email address provided during submission.

REGISTRATION - All presenters must be registered for the 1st Joint Meeting of IPEG & ESPES.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

- The 1st Joint Meeting of IPEG & ESPES will take place between 5-8 July 2023 in Sorrento, Italy, and will be the first Pediatric MIS World Congress to involve all pediatric surgeons dedicated to Minimally Invasive Surgery.
- The official language of the congress is English.
- Abstracts will be judged on originality, scientific merit, study design, clarity of expression, data presentation, adherence to submission rules, and relevance.
- The Program Committee will determine the presentation method for selected abstracts, e.g., podium, short oral, or digital poster. The presenter may accept or decline with no associated penalty.

ORIGINALITY AND DUPLICATE SUBMISSION POLICY

- **No Previously Published Submissions:** The abstract submitted must represent original work that has not and will not be published before the 2023 Joint Meeting of IPEG & ESPES. Abstracts should only be submitted if the abstract or the main content will not have been previously accepted for publication or will not have been previously published (paper or electronic).
- **Previously Presented Submissions:** The abstract submitted should not be presented at a national or international meeting before the commencement of the 2023 Joint Meeting of IPEG & ESPES. Presentation at one of the following means that abstracts should not be submitted: BAPS, AAP, APSA, EUPSA, CAPS, PAPS, ISPR, AAPS, SAGES, WOFAPS. If the abstract has been presented at a meeting other than those listed (e.g., a meeting of another specialty), this **MUST** be declared during the abstract submission process so that the committee can decide.
- **Previously Presented Data:** All abstracts must be new and original content OR include at least 50% new data if previously presented at a meeting.
- No reference to the authors or the institution should appear within the body of the abstract or in the abstract title.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts you may submit, but you may not submit a video abstract and a written abstract on the same study/data set. You must select either a written abstract submission or a video abstract submission.
- Each author can only present up to 2 abstracts, however additional abstracts may be submitted/accepted if that author is listed as a co-author and is not the presenting author.
- The results in the abstract can only be submitted once to the same meeting, even if it appears with different authors and title, different category, or preferred presentation.
- **ETHICAL:** It is expected that the results section of the abstract represents original data by the authors, or a clearly stated systematic review/meta-analysis of the literature. IPEG & ESPES consider plagiarism to be a serious breach of professional standards and authors found to have plagiarized the work of others can expect a ban and a report to their employing organization.

AWARDS

Coollest Trick

Selected by the Audience during the Joint Meeting of IPEG & ESPES, the abstract/video from the Coolest Trick session will be awarded a certificate, possibly a small gift with local flare, and most importantly, bragging rights!

IRCAD

Selected by the Research Committee, this award is given to a trainee or junior faculty who has presented the best abstract and covers the course of attendance of the IRCAD course and travel (maximum \$7500 US). Furnished by KARL STORZ.

Best Abstract

Selected by the Program Committee, this is given to the highest-rated abstract presented by an IPEG/ESPES member.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be registered and presenting at the Joint Meeting
- Consent to publish
- Members of the respective committees of IPEG/ESPES are not eligible for awards
- The presenting author will receive the award

After the initial review of eligible abstracts, more detailed information regarding timelines and judging criteria for the award is sent to authors.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DETAILS

ABSTRACT TITLE

Short and descriptive titles are preferred, typed in ALL CAPS. Limit 50 words.

DISCLOSURES

Authors must disclose any financial interest/relationship that they have with any commercial interest related to the content of the presentation. In addition, authors must identify any off-label or experimental uses of any drugs that are presented in the abstract.

INFORMED CONSENT

IRB/IACUC APPROVAL

Institutional Review Board (IRB) and/or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval must be indicated for all studies involving human subjects and/or animals. IRB approval is required for retrospective reviews. Indication on the abstract form that IRB/IACUC approval has been obtained implies that written approval from the appropriate institutional committee has been obtained. Authors of abstracts that are exempt from IRB approval must provide documentation of exemption in the form of a letter from the chair of their IRB or provide a letter from the senior APSA member author on the abstract attesting to the fact that the study design meets all criteria for exemption from IRB review and approval. The program committee reserves the right to refuse claims of exemption if, in the opinion of the program committee members, the study design does not meet criteria for exemption. IRB/IACUC requirements must be satisfied upon submission of the abstract. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the abstract being withdrawn. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Any studies involving human subjects must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association (Clinical 57 Research 1966; 14:103) and must meet all of the requirements governing informed consent of the country in which it was performed. To complete your abstract submission, you will be required to upload a copy of your IRB/IACUC approval (or the equivalent of) or exemption for the abstract to be considered. If you are submitting an abstract based on a cooperative group trial result (COG), your institutional IRB for that specific trial will suffice.

CATEGORIES

Abstracts will be considered in the following categories:

- Gastrointestinal
- Thorax
- Urology
- Oncology
- Robotics
- Innovation
- Coolest Trick
- Worst Nightmare
- Video Abstract
- Electronic Poster (Oral Short)

ABSTRACT TEXT

- The abstract must be written in English. Authors who do not utilize English as a first language are encouraged to seek assistance for writing abstracts with proper English grammar and syntax.
- Authors and institutions **must** be omitted from the abstract text. Because of the blinding process used during the review process these rules must be observed. Non-conforming abstracts will NOT be considered.
- Abstracts must be limited to **300 words**.
- No diagrams or tables are allowed
- The abstract should clearly state the **purpose** for the study or review, the **results** obtained and the **conclusions**. Promises to explain the work or vague presentations of data will result in rejection.
- The reviewers prefer and will look with greatest favor on abstracts submitted in the Purpose (or Introduction)-Patients (or Materials) and Methods-Results-Conclusion format.
- The **Purpose (or Introduction)** should be a succinct statement of the research question or hypothesis to be addressed.
- The **Methods** should include the clinical setting (taking care not to identify the institution name), sampling criteria and inclusive dates. The control group should be adequately described. Specific mention should be made of the number of experimental subjects or patients in groups (n=). The statistical method and levels of significance should be included.
- The **Results** should be stated in sufficient detail to support the conclusion, with only enough interpretation to indicate relevance; extended discussion or literature reviews should be avoided.
- The **Conclusion** should summarize the abstract (We conclude...) with a brief statement of findings clearly supported by the data, consistent with the research purpose, and with a minimum of further suggestions or inferences. The conclusion should be readable as a short, stand-alone statement.
- The reviewers will consider abstracts submitted in different styles only when the above-described format is inappropriate to the content.
- Abbreviations conjured up for use within an abstract are discouraged. Thus, non-standard abbreviations should be avoided. There should be no abbreviations used in the conclusion. Authors agree to copy editing of the abstract.

VIDEO ABSTRACTS

- Abstracts are required and are to be submitted under the Video category
- Upload the video file with WeTransfer and email download link to: ipeg.espes2023@gmail.com
- Identical instructions for video abstract as for oral presentation abstract
- Accepted Video File Types: MP4, MPEG, MOV, AVI, WMV
- Video must be non-copyright protected with no chapter breaks
- All digital videos must be pre-recorded in English at the time of submission, and narration from the podium will **not** be allowed
- The video will have an Introduction slide at the beginning with the Title and the authors' names and affiliation
- Length: 5 Minutes. Videos longer than 5 minutes will automatically be rejected

AUTHORSHIP

Credit for authorship implies substantial contributions to the conception, design, analysis, and interpretation of data, and to writing and revising the abstract. The number of authors should be reasonable, given the subject and experimental design. Data generated from multiple institutions should include an author from each institution or permission from a representative from each institution to use the data.

CORRESPONDING AUTHOR

The corresponding author must provide a reliable email address at the time of abstract submission and must notify IPEG/ESPES of any changes in contact information. In addition to acting as the liaison for their abstract(s), the duty of the corresponding author is to warrant to IPEG/ESPES they have reviewed the material to assure the quality and integrity of the work and will supervise the preparation of the presentation and the manuscript. The individual identified as the presenting author during submission is also the corresponding author. **IPEG/ESPES must be notified (at ipeg.espes2023@gmail.com) of any changes in contact information.**

On behalf of all authors, the submitter must agree that if an abstract is accepted, names and institutions will be published on IPEG/ESPES Website, mobile app, abstract book and congress program (printed and PDF). Authors at any time may request IPEG/ESPES to modify or remove their names and contact information from all related on-line publications.

PRESENTING AUTHOR

In some cases, the presenting author may differ from the corresponding author. This is permissible. If so, this must be delineated when the abstract is submitted for consideration. The level of training for the presenting author at the time of the meeting must be documented (i.e., college student, medical student, resident, fellow, nurse practitioner or physician assistant, attending surgeon, other). This information will be utilized **only** after blinded abstract review for programming purposes. **IPEG/ESPES must be notified (at ipeg.espes2023@gmail.com) of any changes in presenting author information as soon as possible.**

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION LIMITS

Authors agree to present their abstracts on the days and times assigned by IPEG/ESPES. The program committee **will not** honor requests to present on a certain day or time. *

Each author can only present up to 2 oral abstracts.

* If an author is scheduled to present more than one abstract during concurrent sessions, it is the responsibility of the presenting author to contact IPEG/ESPES staff once the preliminary program is finalized, and the program chair will remedy the scheduling conflict with the presenting author. The program chair will make every attempt to ensure authors do not have overlapping presentations. Last minute scheduling changes are not permissible. If the presenting author cannot present, they must contact IPEG/ESPES staff as soon as possible to name a replacement or withdraw the abstract from presentation.

PRESENTATION METHODS

The Program Committee determines the presentation method of accepted abstracts.