

POSTER ABSTRACTS

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION

Each poster will be displayed for **two days**. Poster presentations will be viewed the evening of **May 4, 2020**, during our social hour and again at noon on **May 5, 2020**.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) Your poster will be no more than 4ft. x 8ft. (4-feet high and 8-feet wide). **Do not exceed these size limits**. Push pins will be provided for mounting your poster on the poster board. Velcro will not be provided, but is acceptable if you wish to provide your own.
- 2) You are required to assemble your poster by 10:15am on the day of your poster session and completely remove your poster after the 3:30pm break on the same day. Poster session personnel will be present to assist the poster authors.
- 3) Authors are requested to be available at their poster to discuss points arising with attendees between **5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** on May 4, 2020 and **12:00pm – 1:30pm** on May 5, 2020. If the author is not available, an alternate person who understands the poster should be present.
- 4) At the top of the poster there should be a banner indicating the title, authors & institutions. The lettering for this section should be not less than 2.5cms (1 inch) high.
- 5) Text in the body of the poster should be at least 1cm (3/8 inch) high preferably in bold font.
- 6) Keep everything as simple as possible. Block lettering may be used to add clarity & emphasis. Captions should be brief; labels should be few and clear. Lettering of the titles and text in the poster should be large enough so it can be read from a distance of 3 to 8 feet (90 to 250 cm).
- 7) It is helpful if the sequence to be followed in studying your material is indicated by numbers, letters or arrows. Simple but prominent sub-headings like "Introduction", "Methods", "Discussion", and "Conclusions" are very helpful. Remember that your text and illustrations will be viewed from distances of one metre or more. References should be given.
- 8) Letter or Legal size copies of the poster are sometimes useful as hand-outs for interested viewers.
- 9) You may wish to put your e-mail address onto the poster as an easy point of contact for interested viewers

USEFUL TIPS

Lettering:

Title and subtitles should be in capital letters, although the authors and affiliations in the main title can be lower case to accentuate the title. General text should be in lower case, as this is much easier to read and should be double-spaced. General text is most easily produced by photographic enlargement of typewritten text or by personal computers with word processing programs equipped with large font sizes.

Graphics:

One word: Simplify! Complex graphs are too difficult to read and comprehend. Lettering on the graph should be at least 1/4" (7 mm) high and lines on the graph no thinner than 2 mm. Simple use of color can add emphasis effectively. Each graph should have a heading of 1 or 2 lines stating the take-home message. Detailed information should be provided in a legend accompanying each graph. Overall graph size should not be smaller than 5" x 7" (12.7 x 17.8 cm), the larger 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) format preferred.

Photographs:

Photographs and micrographs should have good contrast and sharp focus and should not contain unnecessary or distracting detail. Remember that they will be viewed from a distance of from 3 to 8 feet and should be large enough to be understood from that distance. Important objects should be labelled, and there should be clear indication of scale. Each photograph should have a heading of 1 or 2 lines stating the take-home message. Detailed information should be provided in a legend accompanying each photograph. The same size scale as stated for graphs applies: 5" x 7" (12.7 x 17.8 cm), the larger 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) format preferred.