Call for Abstracts Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is the character/word count?
A: 3,000 characters including spaces.

Q: Does the character/word count include title, author names, affiliations, etc.?
A: No, just the abstract body is counted toward this count.

Q: During submission if you chose oral presentation opposed to poster and your abstract is not selected for oral will it still be considered for poster presentation?
A: Yes, if you indicate you are open to having your abstract considered for poster presentation.

Q: Are tables allowed? Is there a limit to how many you can include in your abstract? Do they count towards the character limit?
A: Tables are not allowed as part of the abstract submission.

Q: Are figures allowed? Is there a limit to how many you can include in your abstract? Do they count towards the character limit?
A: Figures are not allowed as part of the abstract submission.

Q: Is there an author limit?
A: Yes, 25 co-authors.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of abstracts a particular author may submit?
A: No.

Q: Is there a title character limit?
A: Yes, 200 characters.

Q: Are encore abstracts permitted?
A: Yes, although new data is encouraged, and scoring will depend on expanding on what was presented at other meetings.

Q: Where are accepted abstracts published?
A: Abstracts will be published in a supplement of the Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma & Leukemia Journal.

Q: Are disclosures required?
A: Yes, this information will be collected upon abstract acceptance.

Q: Are Trials in Progress (TiP) allowed?
A: Yes, as long as tentative, data-based conclusions are stated in the abstract. Please type in the abstract body at the very beginning of the text “Trial in Progress.”
Q: Is it possible to change the presenter to a different author after the August 6 deadline (e.g., if there is a schedule conflict or a change in travel plans for the original presenter)?
A: Yes, send an email to imwabstracts@spargoinc.com.

Q: Is a COI form required for each author as part of the submission process?
A: No, but a COI/disclosure forms will be required upon abstract acceptance from all authors.

Q: If I submit an abstract as a certain submission type, will it be accepted as that type?
A: The Program Committee may accept the abstract as a different type than what was originally submitted. This is usually due to the number of abstracts submitted in each category and how the information will best be presented.

Q: Do I need conflict of interest disclosures for co-authors?
A: Yes. Every author must have a completed disclosure form.

Q: How do I submit an abstract?
A: Abstracts are submitted online through the abstract submission site. Abstracts must be submitted by the deadline of July 11, 2021 at 11:59 pm PST. Late-breaking abstracts will be accepted from July 22 – August 5, 2021 at 11:59 pm PST.

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Q: What is the difference between a primary author, co-author, and presenting author?
A: Primary Author and Co-Author are for the written abstract and presenting author is for the presentation of the abstract.

Primary Author: The primary or first (lead) author on the abstract.

Co-Author: Authors who have collaborated on the abstract with the primary author.

Presenting Author: Author who will present the abstract at International Myeloma Workshop. This may be the primary author or a co-author.

Q: How many presenting authors may I have?
A: One presenter.
Q: What responsibilities does the Presenting Author have?
A: The presenting author is responsible for the following:

- Presenting the abstract, if accepted.
- Assuring that all appropriate financial and non-financial relationship disclosures have been made. Disclosure of financial relationships with commercial entities is required for the presenting author and his/her spouse and institution.
- Announcing the disclosures before the presentation of the abstract.
- Logging in to the abstract site to RSVP acceptance of the presentation and review the presentation guidelines, if accepted.
- Presenters must register for the IMW and are responsible for all registration fees and personal expenses related to the meeting.

Q: What information do I need about my other authors?
A: You will need the full name, email address, institution and location – city, state and country, for all authors.

Q: May I submit more than one abstract?
A: Yes, there is no limit to the number of abstracts that you may submit. Authors who submit multiple abstracts should be prepared to make arrangements for alternative presenters to attend in case more than one abstract is accepted.

Q: Will I receive a confirmation email once I submit an abstract?
A: Yes, you will receive a confirmation email once the submission has been finalized. It will be sent from imwabstracts@spargoinc.com.

Q: When will I receive notification if my abstract was accepted or declined for presentation?
A: Abstract notifications will be emailed by July 30, 2021. Late-breaking abstract notifications will be issued by August 13, 2021.

Q: How are the abstracts reviewed?
A: All abstracts will be blinded and peer reviewed by the Program Committee and invited reviewers. The reviewers assign scores based on topic, relevance, innovation, quality of material, interest to IMW attendees and available space. Abstracts are selected based on their aggregate score and slotted into sessions accordingly. Note that the Program Committee may change the abstract type, if accepted.

Q: Will IMW accept late abstracts?
A: Abstracts must be submitted by the deadline of July 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. The IMW organizers will not accept late abstracts. Late-Breaking Abstracts are open from July 22 – August 5, 2021 at 11:59 pm PST.

Q: Can I make changes to the abstract after it has been finalized?
A: You may make changes to the abstract before the submission deadline. You will be required to re-finalize the abstract. Only finalized abstracts will be reviewed.
Q: May I add a presenter after my abstract is accepted?
A: You may add a presenter after an abstract is accepted by emailing imwabstracts@spargoinc.com. The new presenter must be an existing co-author on the abstract. Depending upon the date of the notification, a new presenter may not appear in the printed program. However, the presenter update will be reflected in the mobile app and website.

Q: How long do I have to withdraw my abstract?
A: Abstracts submitted by the July 11, 2021 deadline may be withdrawn in the abstract submission system up to August 6, 2021 11:59 pm PST. If it is after that time, please email imwabstracts@spargoinc.com.

Q: Are there any discounts for presenters to attend the IMW?
A: No. Presenters pay the same registration fees as other attendees.