

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

All abstracts must be submitted from **15 June 2016** and be received before **15 September 2016** through the On-line Abstract Submission System.

Abstracts must be original and should not been published or presented at any conferences prior to the ESSIC Annual Meeting. The accepted abstracts will be published in the Online Abstract Book.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee of the Conference, and reviewing results will be announced by emailing a notice of acceptance/rejection to corresponding authors by **1 October 2016**. Instructions for podium/poster presentation will be sent to presenting authors of the accepted abstracts. ***Thus, presenting authors must register and pay the registration fees before Deadline for Pre-registration to ensure the rights for the presentation.***

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully before preparing your abstract.

Abstract must be submitted through the online system for abstract submission, must be typed in ENGLISH using the abstract template available on the conference website and saved in the Microsoft Word format with the body limited with 300 words or 200 words if containing of one table or one figure (not including authors' information).

1. The text should be single spaced and written in point size 12, using Times New Roman font.
2. Use standard abbreviations and place a special or unusual abbreviation in parenthesis after the full word appears. Write numbers as numerals rather than words.
3. Write and save your abstract in Microsoft Word format according to the instructions. Fill in the abstract submission form and upload your abstract at On-line Abstract Submission System. You will be given detailed instructions on how to proceed.
4. For those who have difficulty in accessing the on-line abstract submission system, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at essic@defoe.it

Authors are strongly advised to ensure the accuracy of the submitted abstracts. Any mistakes in literature or in scientific facts will be published as what is typed.

5. The Scientific Program Committee of the ESSIC Annual Meeting reserves the right to accept or refuse an abstract, to designate abstracts either oral or poster presentation and to choose a suitable session for the abstract. The authors' preference of the type of the presentation and theme will be taken into account.

6. Participants interested in submitting a video, in addition to sending the abstract text in the above described manner, must send it with sound and the maximum duration of 5 minutes within 1 October 2016 to the following address:

- By mail (CD-ROM/DVD/USB): | DEFOE CONGRESSI - Via San Giovanni, 20 - 29121 Piacenza (Italy)
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PRESENTATIONS METHOD(S)

Oral (Podium) presentation

Poster Discussion presentation

Video (Surgical technique) presentation

A-V NEEDS

Standard A/V equipment: Video Projector, Screen, Podium microphone

ABSTRACT AGREEMENT

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- Present the work in the session format assigned to you by the Scientific Committee
- Register for the conference and assume responsibility for your own registration, lodging and transportation as well as providing a substitute presenter in case of impossibility to attend the conference.

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ABSTRACT NOTIFICATIONS

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