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Guidelines for late breaker abstract submission

General information

ESCAIDE 2022 will take place 23-25 November 2022 as a hybrid event in Stockholm and online. The late breaker abstract call will run from 31 August until 14 September 2022 (23:59 CEST).

ESCAIDE 2022 welcomes abstracts in all areas applied to infectious disease and public health. These areas include epidemiology, microbiology, virology, immunology, social sciences, science communication, the application of tools and methods to support infectious disease interventions and more. We encourage submissions that inform public health actions, introduce new ideas, and bring new understandings to the field.

As a principle, ESCAIDE abstracts should contain <u>original material</u> from recent work that is not yet in the public domain, and abstracts of published work are discouraged. There are, however, circumstances that an abstract addressing work already in the public domain retains public health value for the ESCAIDE audience and it is the discretion of the reviewers and Scientific Committee to accept the work in the programme or not. For abstracts where most of the data have been published or presented already, the author is responsible to disclose that information and to provide a link to the publication in question when submitting the abstract.

Abstracts should be submitted in the form of text, no more than 275 words long, via our online platform [link].

Abstracts must be submitted and presented in English using UK English spelling. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact in the abstract text will be reproduced as typed by the author. Corrections to abstracts can be made by 14 September 2022, directly in the submission system. No requests for changes will be allowed after this date.

Late breaker abstract eligibility

Late breaker abstracts may be eligible for both oral and poster presentation at the conference. To be eligible, the abstract must fulfil all the following criteria:

1. Report on acute urgent public health problems OR b) contain novel, surprising findings.
2. Report data or information that was unavailable before the deadline for submission in the general call for abstracts for ESCAIDE (18 May 2022).
3. Has not been published before.

Abstracts submitted for the regular program, but were rejected, are not eligible for consideration as late breaker abstracts, unless they were rejected because critical data were not yet available.

Submit an abstract here

Submission form

Create an account: Fill in contact details (name, organisation, address, etc.) of the contact person for the abstract.

Submission tracks: Each abstract should be tagged with a disease group and a health function that best match the content of the abstract. This is important as the tracks will be used to allocate the abstract to the correct reviewers, i.e., experts in the selected topics.

Groups	Health functions
- Antimicrobial resistance - COVID-19 - Healthcare-associated infections - Emerging and vector-borne diseases - Food- and waterborne diseases and zoonoses - HIV, sexually transmitted infections and viral hepatitis - Influenza and other respiratory viruses (except SARS-CoV-2) *Public health sciences (general)* - Tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases (excluding viruses) - Vaccine preventable diseases	- Burden of disease - Communication and health promotion - Field epidemiology (e.g. outbreak investigations) - Implementation science (e.g. integration of research findings and evidence into public health policy and practice; monitoring and evaluation of programmes) - International health and migration - Microbiology (incl. novel methods in microbiology, such as e.g. new diagnostic tools) - Modelling, biostatistics, and health informatics - Novel methods in epidemiology (e.g. digital disease detection, e-health) - Preparedness (e.g. preparedness planning, simulation exercises, after action reviews) - Surveillance

Title: Choose a title that reflects the main message of the abstract. Please spell out pathogen names. Please do not capitalise the entire title and/or begin each word with a capital letter.

List first author & co-authors: Indicate the first author and list co-authors. The authors will be listed in the order you enter them, you do not need to number the affiliations as this will be done automatically by the system. Also, if authors have different affiliations, there is no need to number the affiliation(s) as this will be done automatically by the system.

Affiliations: Please only list the main organisations with which the authors are affiliated. If there are multiple affiliations, you do not need to number them as this will be done automatically by the system. To insert affiliations, please use the format 'organisation name in full (abbreviation)'. Example: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). If you are a current fellow in a training programme, please add the abbreviation of the training programme. Example: Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), EPIET.

Consortium, network or group: If the abstract is co-authored by a consortium, network or group, please do not list all the co-authors and just give the name of the consortium, network or group.

Presenter: Fill in the details of the person who will present at the conference. This is very important, as their name will be included in the programme and in the abstract book. The presenting author of an accepted abstract must register and attend the conference to ensure the publication of the abstract.

Keywords: Please include 4-6 key words; use terms listed in the Medical Subject Headings (MESH) from the Index Medicus (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/)

Abstract background, methods, results and conclusions: The text should **not exceed 275 words**. Please do not repeat the headings of 'background', 'methods', 'results' or 'conclusions'. Follow the structure proposed and take advantage of the guiding questions as they will also be used by the reviewers when assessing your abstract.

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Preferred presentation method: Selecting 'Poster presentation only' means that your abstract will be considered only for poster presentation. The Scientific Committee will decide on the final presentation format.

- **Oral presentation:** in this format, you will be invited to present a short summary and discuss your work in a Q&A session.
- **Poster presentation:** in this format, posters are submitted in advance on a dedicated platform. During the conference they will be displayed in an e-Poster exhibition, and you can briefly introduce your work and take questions.

Presenter plans to attend: This year ESCAIDE will be organised for the first time as a hybrid event and more information on the presentation formats will be announced at a later stage. Presentations on-site will be preferred to facilitate networking and to reduce complexity in integrating online/in-person presenters, but there will be possibilities to present remotely. Please indicate your preference for presenting in-person or remotely online.

Late breaker abstract review and selection process

Successfully submitted abstracts will be acknowledged with an email receipt including an abstract reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence.

After the close of the abstract call, each abstract will undergo a peer review process (16-26 September 2022). The review process of late breakers is done in two-steps carried out by the ESCAIDE Scientific Committee:

- Step 1 is for checking the eligibility of the abstract for consideration as a late breaker; see "Eligibility" above.
- Step 2 is the review of the submitted abstracts, according to the process and criteria used for standard abstracts; see "ESCAIDE Guidelines for reviewers".

The results of each submission will be sent to the contact author by email on 7 October 2022. Once an abstract is accepted into the Conference programme, at least one of the authors must register for and present at the conference.

Abstracts will be removed from the Conference programme and Abstract book if a presenter has not registered to attend ESCAIDE by 18 October 2022 (in-person) or 30 October (remote), or nominated another individual who has registered for the conference to present the work on their behalf.