IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission
Abstract submissions open
27 July 2018
Abstract submissions close
5 October 2018
Author notification
December 2018
Author registration and payment deadline
11 January 2019

Late Breaking Abstracts
Late breaking abstract submissions open
26 November 2018
Late breaking abstract submissions close
7 December 2018
Author notification
January 2019
Author registration and payment deadline
18 January 2019

APLAR-ARA 2019 aim to present the best new scientific research in all areas of rheumatology. The Program Committee recognises that the results of some exciting research may not be available by the general abstract submission deadline.

APLAR-ARA 2019 will offer the possibility to submit late breaking abstracts, providing an opportunity to communicate the most recent clinical and scientific breakthroughs.

Please note that this abstract submission is solely for abstracts with late breaking data and not for abstracts submitted “late”. Any “late” abstracts will be rejected outright.

In order to fulfil the criteria for a late breaking abstract, when prompted during submission, you must enter the reasons why your abstract is a late breaking abstract. Failure to do so, will mean that the abstract will not be submitted.

All accepted late breaking abstracts presenters must register and pay to attend APLAR-ARA 2019 congress by Friday 18 January, 2019 otherwise the abstract will not be published in the International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases.

Please note that there is a USD 50.00 submission fee for late breaking abstracts.
GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Presenting Formats

Abstracts must be written exclusively in English. As English is the designated language for the congress, the presenting author is also required to speak English when presenting.

- Abstracts are considered for either oral or poster presentation.
- If your abstract can only be presented as a poster, please check the appropriate box during the submission process.
- For concurrent or plenary sessions, only one author may present the abstract.
- The presenting author need not be the first author, but must be a listed author.
- Authors’ names should be supplied in the surname-last format and should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals.

Content

- Body character limit must be limited to 300 words and must be concise and clear, highlighting the most relevant aspects, findings and conclusions.
- Use only standard abbreviations. Special or unusual abbreviations are not recommended. If otherwise necessary, the latter should be placed in parenthesis after the first appearance of the full word, except for unit symbols. Numerals rather than words may be used to indicate numbers.
- References are not required for abstract submission.
- Organize content in sections as follows, using the exact section name and colon:
  - Background/Purpose: Background or statement of purpose
  - Methods: Methods, materials, and analytical procedure used
  - Results: Summary of the results in sufficient detail to support conclusion (never “results will be discussed”)
  - Conclusion: Conclusions reached

Abstract title

- Title character limit: 20 words.
- Titles should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the presentation.
- Include only commonly used acronyms in the abstract title.
- When entering the title online, use title case (do not use all caps OR all lowercase). Do not put a period at the end of the title. For example:

Correct:
This is a Properly Formatted Abstract Title

Incorrect:
THIS IS AN IMPROPERLY FORMATTED ABSTRACT TITLE
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Please note to take special care when entering your title and abstract body as these will be published exactly as submitted.
ABSTRACT TOPICS

Individuals who have conducted extensive research in the field of Rheumatology can submit abstracts under the following topics:

Clinical rheumatology topics
- Advances in pain management
- Basic science related to rheumatic diseases
- Behcet’s disease and miscellaneous rheumatic conditions
- Epidemiology, COPCORD, health care system and pharmacoeconomics
- Fibromyalgia
- Genetics
- Imaging techniques and diagnosis
- Infection-related rheumatic diseases
- Metabolic bone diseases and crystal-induced diseases
- Osteoarthritis
- Osteoporosis
- Paediatric rheumatology
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Rehabilitation for rheumatic diseases
- Rheumatoid arthritis anti-TNF therapy
- Rheumatoid arthritis clinical aspects and co-morbidity
- Rheumatoid arthritis non biologic treatment
- Rheumatoid arthritis non-TNF biological therapies
- Rheumatoid arthritis prognosis, predictors and outcome
- Scleroderma, myositis and related syndromes
- Soft tissue rheumatism
- Spondylarthropathies biological and non-biological therapies
- Spondylarthropathies clinical aspects and co-morbidity
- Systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjogrens and antiphospholipid syndrome clinical aspects, comorbidities and complications
- Systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjogrens and antiphospholipid syndrome therapies
- Systemic vasculitis related to rheumatic diseases

Allied health research topics
- Alternative medicine (e.g. acupuncture)
- Case Report
- Nursing
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychological intervention and miscellaneous forms of care

Tables and graphs/image
- The characters in the table do NOT count towards the abstract word limit.
- Tables and graphs/images will be accepted as PNG, JPG, or GIF files.
- The maximum allowable size of each image is 1MB.
- Up to two tables can be included in the results section with the following criteria:
  - Maximum number of columns: 12
  - Maximum number of rows: 20
  - If a second table is added the number of columns and rows decreases by the number of columns/rows used in the first table
- One graph/image can be included with the following criteria:
  - Image width: min. 50 pixels max. 750 pixels
  - Image height: min. 50 pixels max. 750 pixels
  - Image quality: min. 96 dpi max. 300 dpi
  - Image file size: min. 40 KB max. 1000 KB (1MB)

Important notes
- Abstract submissions will close on Friday 5 October, 2018.
- Accepted abstract submitter must register and pay to attend the Congress by January 11, 2019 otherwise the abstract will not be published in the International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases.
- Accepted abstracts will be provided with a code to allow registration at the earlybird rate.
- Inclusion in the Congress proceedings is dependent on payment of registration fees.
- The abstract must contain original research material and must not be published or presented at any other international congress prior to APLAR-ARA 2019.
- The submitted abstracts will remain property of APLAR-AR 2019 Congress. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to publish and distribute.

Abstract review
- After the submission deadline, completed abstracts will be peer reviewed by a subsection of the APLAR-ARA 2019 Congress Scientific Committee
- Incomplete abstracts or abstracts not written in English cannot be processed and will not be reviewed.
- Revisions will not be accepted after the submission deadline—no exceptions.
- All reviewers are required to sign a confidentiality agreement.
- All abstracts will be blinded for review, i.e., reviewed without knowledge of the author(s), institution(s), or disclosure information.

Accepted abstracts will be selected as either a short oral presentation or a poster presentation.
SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

Abstracts must be submitted through the online portal.

1. **Click this link** to access the abstract submission portal – alternatively, copy and paste this link into your browser: [https://mciaustralia.eventsair.com/PresentationPortal/aplar-ara-2019-brisbane/abstract-submissions](https://mciaustralia.eventsair.com/PresentationPortal/aplar-ara-2019-brisbane/abstract-submissions)

2. Click on the button that states *Create new account*

3. Enter your email, a password of your choice and click *Create new account*

4. Click the **PRESENTER PROFILE** tab, then the *Create contact* button and enter your personal details

5. Once you have submitted your contact details, click the **SUBMIT ABSTRACT** tab and follow instructions from there.

6. Work through the abstract site and click submit when you are happy with your abstract. To ensure your abstract has submitted, click the **VIEW ABSTRACTS** tab and the status should be noted as ‘submitted.’

**Need help?**
Please contact info@aplar2019.com for any queries regarding the abstract submission process.