

Reunión Conjunta de la Sociedad Latinoamericana de Neurocirugía Funcional y Estereotaxia (SLANFE) y ABCUR 2025 | 18 y 19 de noviembre Buenos Aires, Argentina

# **Guidelines for Abstract Submission**

# Start date for abstract submission: Monday, April 7, 2025 Deadline for abstract submission: Monday, June 30, 2025

# | IMPORTANT

- <u>Registration</u>: You can submit your work without being registered. If the work is accepted, the presenting author must be registered in order to make their presentation. The deadline for the presenting author to register is Friday, October 10, 2025.
- <u>Notification</u>: The scientific committee will inform about the acceptance or rejection of the abstracts via email during the first weeks of September 2025.
- <u>Certificate</u>: Only one online certificate will be issued per submitted work, which will include all authors. It can be downloaded from the website https://www.wssfn2025.com/ after the congress concludes.

# | FREE JOBS

Research papers related to the congress's thematic areas may be submitted. Regarding the case studies, the Scientific Committee has decided to accept both case series and single case reports. All submissions will initially be considered for presentation in poster format.



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# **THEMATIC AREAS**

When submitting your abstract, you must select one of the thematic areas listed below. The content of the abstract must be relevant to the selected area. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reassign your abstract to another area they deem more appropriate.

• Movement Disorders

• Pain.

- Pychiatric Disordes
- Epilepsy
- Stereotaxy, imaging and planning.
- Artificial intelligence in functional neurosurgery.

- Spasticity.
- Radiosurgery.
- Robotic surgery and automation in functional neurosurgery.
- Pediatric functional neurosurgery.

Basic sciences

# | INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

**IMPORTANT:** Please read these instructions carefully before preparing your work. Submissions that do not adhere to the format will not be considered for evaluation.

Research papers and clinical cases must be original. Priority will be given to abstracts containing new and original information that has not been published in scientific journals or elsewhere.

By submitting an abstract, you acknowledge your acceptance for it to be published in the official Congress media channels.

**Submission Method**: Abstracts will only be accepted through the Congress website (https://www.wssfn2025.com/) until the submission deadline (June 30, 2025). Submissions outside of this platform or after the deadline will not be accepted.

**Presentation Mode:** All submissions will be presented in poster format. Selected posters will have the opportunity to be presented as oral free papers in the main event program. The first selected poster will also be awarded a prize.

Language: Spanish, Portuguese or English.



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**Structure:** Depending on the type of work to be presented, the submitted abstracts must adhere to the following structure:

# 1. Research Paper

- **Title:** It must be concise and related to the content of the abstract. Do not include abbreviations that are not standardized.
- **Authors:** Enter the last name and first name of each author, identifying the presenter. Also, include the institution of each author, specifying the city and country.
- **Abstract body:** The abstract text must not exceed 3,500 characters or be less than 2,500, including spaces. Images and tables (both in .jpg image format) may be included, and these will not count towards the character limit. It should have the following structure:
  - Introduction: A brief overview justifying the study's interest and describing the objectives of the work. The objectives should be aligned with the research question.
  - Materials and Methods: this section should describe the methodology used, including:
    - 1. Study design: it should be appropriate for what the study aims to demonstrate
    - 2. Population and sample
    - 3. Study period
    - 4. Measured variables (the most relevant ones)
    - 5. Statics, data collection and ethical safeguards

• **Results:** These should be the outcome of what is described in the materials and methods and should respond to the objectives.

• **Discussion:** Interpretation and analysis of the results obtained, comparison with previous studies. Explanation of the relevance and identification of the limitations.

• **Conclusions:** These should respond to the objectives outlined and be consistent with the results obtained.

• **References:** Include no fewer than 3 and no more than 10 citations of scientific articles related to the development of the submitted abstract. These should be formatted according to the <u>Vancouver style</u> and will not be counted towards the character limit.



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2. Clinical Case Report

#### Generally, a single illustrative case or a series of up to 5-10 cases, depending on the pathology addressed.

- **Title:** It must be concise and related to the content of the abstract. Do not include abbreviations that are not standardized.
- **Authors:** Enter the last name and first name of each author, identifying the presenter. Also, include the institution of each author, specifying the city and country.
- **Abstract body:** The abstract text must not exceed 2,500 characters or be less than 2,000, including spaces. Images and tables (both in .jpg image format) may be included, and these will not count towards the character limit. The structure should be as follows:
  - **Introduction:** A brief justification for the interest in the case, series of cases, or technique presented.
  - **Clinical Description:** Describe the distinguishing features of the case or series of cases, such as the clinical presentation, diagnostic process, and/or treatment.
  - **Discussion:** Explain the lessons learned from the clinical case and compare it with similar cases in the literature.
  - **Conclusions:** Indicate the relevance of the case, as well as its contribution to the medical literature or clinical practice.
  - **References:** Include no fewer than 3 and no more than 6 citations of scientific articles related to the background of the clinical cases presented. These should be formatted according to the Vancouver style and will not be counted towards the character limit.

# | INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE SYSTEM

- The **RESPONSIBLE AUTHOR** must log in using the "Scientific Paper Submission" access available on the event's homepage. If not registered, they must register and obtain an access code.
- You must log in using the data sent to you via email once you complete your form.
- Once logged in, you will be able to view the submitted papers and their statuses according to the correction periods.
- Every paper must be finalized to complete its submission. If the paper is not finalized, it will not be evaluated by the review committee.
- You can create a new paper or consult previously entered and saved papers.
- For each paper, you must follow the steps indicated in the system to complete the submission.
- Carefully follow all the system instructions during the abstract submission.
- Before uploading the abstract, you must specify the type of abstract (Research Paper or Clinical Case Report) and the thematic area of the paper. Additionally, you must indicate whether you wish the paper to be considered for oral presentation.
- You will receive confirmation of receipt via email once your paper is finalized.



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- The presenter of the paper must be one of the authors listed in the paper, and they can be selected during the submission process. No changes to the author list will be allowed once the submission is finalized.
- If an author appears in more than one paper, they must appear in all of them in the same way to ensure correct registration.

**IMPORTANT:** The submitted material for each paper is the responsibility of the RESPONSIBLE AUTHOR.

• The system Will send all necessary notifications via email to the RESPONSIBLE AUTHOR'S email address. The organization is not responsible for any incorrect entry of these details and the subsequent consequences that may arise from communication issues.

# ANY PAPER UNLOADED IN THE SYSTEM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR EVALUATION UNTIL IT HAS BEEN FINALIZED BY THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHOR

# | ABSTRACT EVALUATION

In order to provide an efficient, high-quality review with a consistent criterion, the abstracts will be evaluated by a Review Committee of specialist professionals. The Review Committee will consist of a small number of professionals with extensive experience in patient care, research, and presenting papers at conferences and/or publishing manuscripts in scientific journals. The evaluators will be responsible for scoring and categorizing the abstracts, without knowing the authors' names or the origin of the work. All abstracts will be evaluated by four independent reviewers. In case of divergent opinions, the Scientific Committee will determine the final categorization of the abstract, reserving the right to call a fifth reviewer if necessary.

**Poster Walkthrough:** In pre-scheduled poster presentations within the event program, the author will have 5 minutes to present their poster in real-time (poster walkthrough). The poster must be prepared in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.

**Oral presentation:** For the abstracts selected by the Review Committee for this format, they will be presented in designated sessions during the event. Each presentation will have 10 minutes for the presentation and 3 minutes for discussion.

For the presentation, it is recommended to use 5 to 7 slides, with a font size of 24 for the text and 36 to 40 for the titles. Ideally, no more than 7 lines per slide and no more than 7 words per line. Remember to include any financial or collaborative support for the presented study.

The allotted time for presentation and discussion should not be exceeded. If this is not respected, the presentation may be interrupted by the session coordinators. The presentation must be in Spanish or English.