



Abstracts can be submitted online until Friday 30th June 2017.

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Guidelines for preparation of abstracts

1. Abstracts may be submitted via the online Submission Service only.
2. Abstracts received by fax will not be considered: should you have any problems with online submission, please contact the Organising Secretariat bhrm@downtowneuropa.be.
3. Abstracts must be written in English.
4. The presenting author of an accepted abstract must register and attend the congress.
5. Use a short specific title indicating the nature of the investigation. The background and goals of the study should appear clearly to the reader. The methods and results **must contain data**, and the conclusions should be clearly expressed.
6. Abbreviations are allowed but must be clearly defined the first time they appear in your text (but, do not define in the title).
7. You should structure your abstract under the following headings:
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
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The abstract must be submitted in Word.

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- Do not leave blank lines
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- Avoid references

Important: As the grading and selection process is blinded, the title and body text must not contain identifying features, ie information such as:

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- Cities

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Notification

Each abstract will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors will be notified of acceptance by email by 14th August 2017 at the latest.

All correspondence regarding the abstracts will be sent by email to the submitting author. The authors will be informed as to whether or not the paper has been accepted for an oral or poster presentation. The corresponding author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing the other authors of the status of the abstract.

Publication

By submitting an abstracts, authors agree to the publication of their actual abstract in a special supplement to the Journal "Acta Cardiologica".

Prizes

Two prizes will be awarded – one for the best orally presented abstract and one for best displayed poster. Both prizes will be awarded during the congress dinner on Thursday 5th October 2017.

Posters

All those accepted as a poster will be invited to provide their poster as a PDF for display on digital screens in the exhibition hall, adjacent to the plenary session's rooms. Full instructions concerning preparation and presentation will be included.

Important Note: At least 1 author (presenting author) of the accepted abstract is obliged to register and pay the congress registration fee before the early bird deadline (Monday 4th September 2017). In the event of non-fulfillment the abstract will be withdrawn by the organizers.