MEDCON'25

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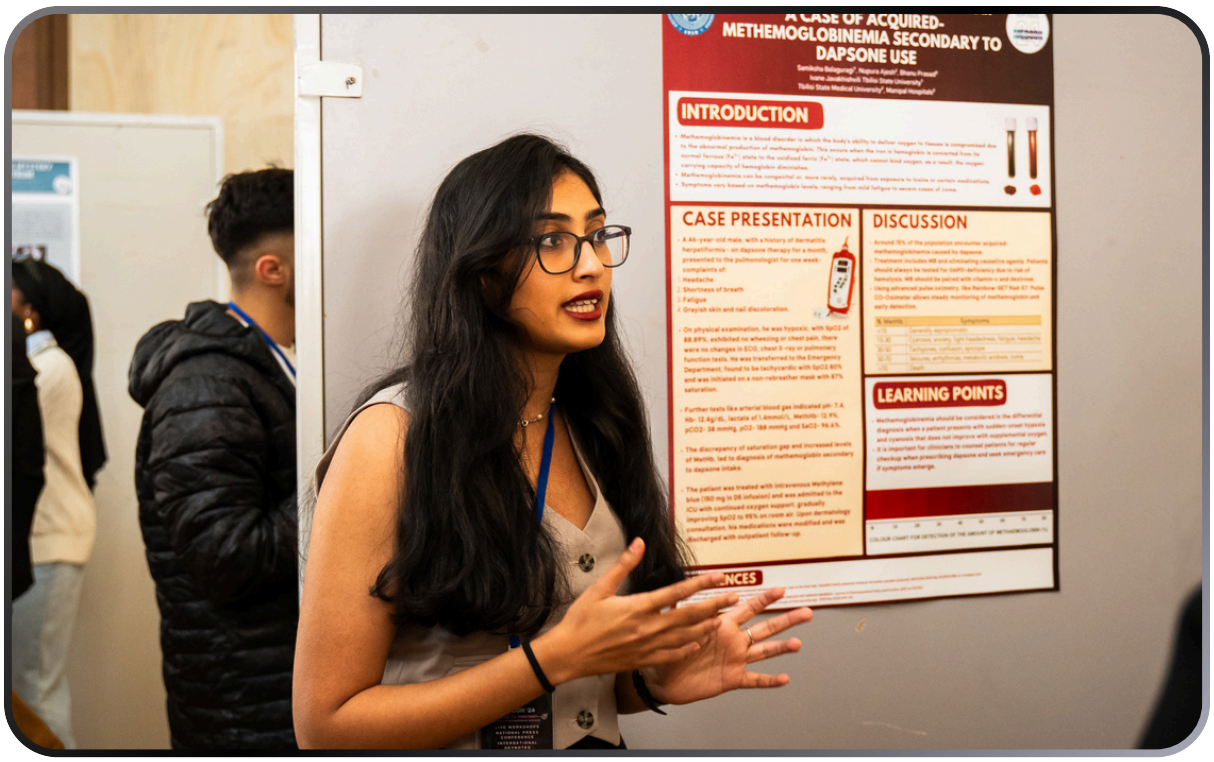
Georgian International Medical Student Society

AUTHOR *Guidelines*



Authors are kindly requested to thoroughly read the guidelines before proceeding with submission

(YOUR ABSTRACT MAY BE REJECTED IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- We welcome you to register and submit your abstract to the 3rd edition of GIMSOC's annual conference, **MEDCON'25**. First of all, submit your abstracts by applying through the official MEDCON website and going to the **"Abstract Submission"** Button.
- If your abstract is approved, you will be requested to submit the PowerPoint presentation or poster for the oral or poster presentation, respectively.
- Submitted abstracts must be **original.** Abstracts previously published or presented at an international scientific meeting cannot be submitted and will be rejected immediately.
- All abstracts must be submitted in English.
- Disclosure of **Conflicts of Interest** should be declared
- Each abstract can include up to **10 coauthors**, including the academic mentor. However, only the presenting author will be eligible for awards if chosen among the top presentations.
- An academic mentor can be a **physician, professor,** or any **expert with a master's qualification**. They are ultimately responsible for the quality of work, including any plagiarism. As an undergraduate research conference, **all abstracts require an academic mentor as a corresponding author.**
- The presenting author should send an abstract via the registration form only.
- Each abstract can have **ONLY ONE** presenting author.
- Co-authors should indicate only the heading of the abstract in which they are taking part and **should NOT send** the text of the abstract. Additionally, co-authors will be considered active participants as well.
- **All presenting participants are required to purchase a ticket to attend the conference after they receive acceptance news.**

SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

A. SUBMISSION:

- Scientific papers related to the theme-Infectious Diseases, are considered suitable to be submitted for the Conference.
- Submitted papers should belong to one of the following categories: **original work (bibliometric analysis, cross-sectional), systematic review/meta-analysis, literature review, or case report.**
- Abstracts must be uploaded directly through the submission portal on our official website.
- Every abstract, regardless of the type of the submitted paper, should contain: **Name(s) of Author(s), Academic mentor, Affiliations, Title.**
- **The abstract of the original work should additionally consist of the following five parts: Introduction, Aim of the Study, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions.**
- **The abstract of the case report should additionally consist of the following three parts: Introduction, Case presentation, Discussion, and Conclusions.**
- **The abstract of the systematic review/meta-analysis and literature review should additionally consist of the following four parts: Background, Methodology, Main results, Discussion, and Conclusions.**
- Abstracts should **not exceed a maximum of 350 words**, excluding the following sections: **Name(s) of Author(s), Academic Mentor, Affiliation, and Title.**
- Each student can submit no more than 2 abstracts, regardless of the type of submitted paper.
- The abstract can be submitted by only one of the authors of the scientific paper.
- The academic mentors cannot be the presenting authors of the presented work.

SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

A. SUBMISSION: *(CONTINUED...)*

- **The abstract should not contain any graphs, pictures, images, or other graphic forms.**
- When submitting, please assign your abstract to **one of the abstract categories/topics** below that best suits your research idea:
  - Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Public Health
  - Diagnostic Advances
  - Antimicrobial Stewardship- Microbiology
  - Vaccines & Immunization
  - Infections in Vulnerable Populations (could house STIs, respiratory viruses, fungal, parasitic, etc.)
  - Tropical & Travel Medicine
  - COVID-19, Respiratory Viruses, and Future Pandemic Preparedness
  - Fungal & Parasitic Infections
  - Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
  - One Health & Zoonotic Diseases
  - Tuberculosis & Mycobacterial Diseases
  - Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)
  - Digital Health & AI in ID (includes AI, lab tech, digital tools)- Diagnostic innovations
  - Public Health
  - Behavioral Science & Infection Prevention
  - Climate Change & Infectious Disease Spread
  - Antibiotic Discovery & Resistance Mechanisms
  - Interdisciplinary & Translational Research in ID:
    i. Infectious Diseases
    ii. Forensic
    iii. Psychology
    iv. Virology & Viral Pathogenesis
    v. Other

SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

A. SUBMISSION: *(CONTINUED...)*

- The submitting author will be notified by email of the abstract's acceptance, assigned session, and presentation type, or rejection with feedback **upon request**, by **30 September 2025**.
- Feedback request is available up to **7 October 2025.**
- **The deadline for the abstract submission will be on 30 August 2025**.

NOTE: Failure to select the appropriate abstract category and study type will result in the immediate rejection of your submission.

B. EVALUATION:

- All abstract submissions are reviewed by our Judging Committee. The abstract review process is anonymous.
- Submitted abstracts are evaluated by the members of the Scientific Committee, who decide on their acceptance or rejection for the Conference. The decision of the Scientific Committee is final and cannot be undermined.
- **The following criteria will be used to judge the abstract:**
  - Clear presentation of hypothesis, methods, and discussion
  - Quality of Introduction and knowledge of background material
  - **Methods:** appropriate study design, appropriate controls, statistical analysis described (if applicable)
  - **Methods:** planning and execution of experiments
  - **Results:** statistically significant and statistically sound
  - **Conclusions:** stated clearly and related to study results
  - Impact of the study on the field
  - Original, innovative research
  - The overall quality of the abstract

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B. EVALUATION: *(CONTINUED...)*

- **Presentation Type:** Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentation.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to change the presentation type of the accepted abstract, with consideration given to the author's preference.
- A minimum passing score will be required to present at **MEDCON'25**.
- If you are not selected for an oral or poster presentation, you may still attend all conference events as a passive participant.
- Notifications of acceptance to **MEDCON'25** will be sent out at least 30 days in advance of the conference.
- **It is the responsibility of the presenting author to share the notifications with their co-authors.**

RULES OF PRESENTING PAPERS

- The presenting authors deliver their work in person in the form of oral presentations or poster presentations during thematic scientific sessions.
- Oral presentations can be applied to the following types of papers: **original work, literature reviews, and systematic review/meta-analysis.**
- **All case reports will be delivered in the form of poster presentations.**
- Upon acceptance of the abstract, oral presentation candidates will receive an official PowerPoint template, and poster presentation candidates will be provided with a Canva poster template to display their work, which will be accessible from the official website.
- Oral and poster presentations in electronic form and .pdf format should be sent to the Session Coordinators via email by **not later than 14 October 2025.**
- Official emails to Session Coordinators will be provided on the Conference's official website.
- Presentations during a given scientific session will be held according to the schedule established by the Session Coordinators, which will be available on the Conference's official website and sent to the presenting authors via email by **1 October 2025.**
- The Organizing Committee and the Session Coordinators reserve the right to make changes to the schedule after the given time due to unforeseen circumstances. Presenting authors will be informed about any changes as soon as they occur.
- **Duration of oral presentation: 15 min (12 min for speech and 3 min for Q/A)**
- **Duration of poster presentation: 8 min (5 min for speech and 3 min for Q/A)**
- The presenting author is obliged to participate in the discussion after finishing the presentation.

RULES OF PRESENTING PAPERS

- **Questions from the Jury have priority over questions from the audience.**
- Session Coordinators have the right to exclude a scientific paper from the given scientific session if the presenting author does not comply with the regulations of the Conference.
- All presenting authors will receive a certificate confirming active participation in the Conference.
- **All of the abstracts of the presented papers, along with the list of authors and their affiliations, will be published in the Abstract Book available on the Conference's official website after the end of the Conference.**

ABSTRACT LAYOUT GUIDELINES

- **Abstracts should contain text only** – tables, graphics, and figures cannot be inserted and will not be printed.
- Use Standard Font – Times New Roman 12pt, Align left, with no formatting.
- Title: Use CAPITAL LETTERS for the title.
- List authors as "Last Name Initial(s)" and the academic mentor. Do not include degrees or professional titles. Separate the authors' names with a comma.
- **Affiliations should be indicated using superscript numerals (¹, ², etc.) placed after the authors' names.** Each unique affiliation should be listed below with the corresponding superscript number.
- Add a separate line for the presenting author.
- Correspondence: Add an e-mail address for correspondence.
- **EXAMPLE:**

  EMERGING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE IN GRAM-NEGATIVE BACTERIA: A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

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ABSTRACT LAYOUT GUIDELINES

- Content: **The abstract submission document MUST be structured to include each of the following components on a new paragraph, with no special indentation or bullets and numbering:**
  - INTRODUCTION
  - AIMS/OBJECTIVES
  - MATERIALS AND METHODS
  - RESULTS
  - DISCUSSION
  - CONCLUSION
  - KEYWORDS (not more than five)
- **Do not include references in the body of the abstract.**
- Please avoid formatting the text using boldfacing, italics, and underlining.
- Please check spelling and grammar carefully - direct reproduction from your electronically sent abstract text means that any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific data will be reproduced as submitted.
- **Do not exceed 350 words**
- Abbreviations: Standard abbreviations may be used. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full wording the first time it appears in the body of the text.
- **Abstracts without academic mentors as part of the authors will NOT be accepted**

CASE REPORT LAYOUT GUIDELINES

- **Case reports should contain text only** – tables, graphics, and figures cannot be inserted and will not be printed.
- Use Standard Font – Times New Roman 12pt, Align left, with no formatting.
- Title: Use CAPITAL LETTERS for the title.
- Name of the author(s) and the academic mentor. Do not include degrees or professional titles. Separate the authors' names with a comma.
- Affiliations should be indicated with a star * after the authors' names.
- Retype the name of the presenting author on a new paragraph.
- Correspondence: Add an email address for correspondence.
- Content
- The case report submission document MUST be structured to include each of the following components in a new paragraph, with no special indentation or bullets and numbering:
  - INTRODUCTION
  - THE CASE PRESENTATION
  - DISCUSSION
  - CONCLUSION
  - KEYWORDS (no more than five)

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- **Do not exceed 350 words**.
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- **Case reports without academic mentors as part of the authors will NOT be accepted**.
- Submissions may not contain patient names, hospital ID numbers, or other identifying information. Unless mentioned consent certificate is attached.

POSTER AND ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

A. POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:

- **The poster presenter must print and bring the poster to the conference.**
- The Canva template is mandatory to be used to create your poster.
- Please submit it as a 1-page PDF document.
- Make sure to print the poster in the **standard A1 size only.**
- **Your poster must be no larger than 90cm x 120cm in size, and must be in portrait orientation**
- **We recommend that Local Attendees print the poster at VIZITKA.GE or COPYPRINT if your poster has been selected to be presented at the conference**
- VIZITKA.GE on google maps - https://maps.app.goo.gl/GVmNexckKv4acUnJ8?g_st=ic
- COPYPRINT on Google Maps- https://maps.app.goo.gl/dYjjABwL9rGVQg11A?g_st=aw (Decent prices and top-notch quality)
- Please ensure the posters are **oriented vertically**, so the vertical length is longer than the horizontal width
- **GIMSOC does not take responsibility for any errors in the printing of posters. No changes can be made to posters after the deadline.**
- Presenters must stand by their assigned poster number for the full duration of the session to discuss their research with attendees.
- During the poster session, presenters must introduce themselves to the MEDCON'25 judges. **You will present your poster for 5 minutes, followed by 3 minutes of questions.**
- MEDCON'25 judges will **fill out a marking sheet, writing down a score for each delegate.**
- The top three scores for the Poster category overall will be awarded **MEDCON'25** prizes.

POSTER AND ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

B. ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:

- Please bring your presentation on a USB when you register at the conference, AND email it to **medconconferencegimsoc@gmail.com with Subject [MEDCON'25] [Oral] ["Abstract Title"]** before **14 October 2025.**
- Presentation Structure (suggested sections):
  - Background
  - Introduction
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Tables and Figures (include titles above tables and below figures)
  - Discussion
  - Limitations
  - Conclusion
- The top three scores for the Oral category overall will be awarded **MEDCON'25** prizes.

JURY AND AWARDS

- The Organizing Committee and Session Coordinators appoint the Jury for each scientific session, which consists of experienced and active academics in the given field, whose task is to evaluate submitted papers, decide about their acceptance or rejection for the Conference, and evaluate the presentations delivered during each scientific session.
- For the poster presentation sessions, the Jury will grant 1st, 2nd, and 3rd awards.
- For the oral presentation sessions, the Jury will grant 1st, 2nd, and 3rd awards.
- Decisions of the Jury are final and cannot be undermined.
- Certificates and awards for the winners of the scientific sessions will be provided during the Closing Ceremony of the Conference on the Final Day.
- All awards must be collected in person by the presenting authors.
- In case of inability to collect the awards, the presenting authors must contact the Organizing Committee via the Conference's official email by **5th November 2025**.
- If the presenting authors fail to comply with the aforementioned regulations, their awards become the property of the Organizing Committee.
- A certificate for the winning abstract will be given to the **presenting author and the co-authors.**

FINAL REGULATIONS

- Abstract submission and registration for the Conference as both active and passive participants is equivalent to accepting the above-mentioned Regulations and giving consent for data processing and storage by the Organizing Committee.
- All issues not included in the above-mentioned Regulations will be resolved by the Organizing Committee.