

5th International Scientific Congress on SMA

11th to 14th March 2026 | Budapest, Hungary

Abstract Submission Guidelines for Posters and Oral Presentations

Key dates

Abstract submission deadline: 21-September-2025

Notification of abstract selection to authors: late October 2025

Important information

- Abstracts can be submitted to apply for one or more of the following presentation formats:
 - Oral presentation (10-15')
 - Flash Talk (3') + Poster presentation
 - Poster presentation
- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel of experts. Authors' requests on the presentation format will be considered but the final decision rests with the evaluation committee.
- Authors will be requested to indicate one of the following topic categories for their abstract:
 - Sensorimotor function and fatiguability in SMA
 - Cognitive function in SMA
 - Metabolism & diet in SMA
 - Regeneration in SMA
 - Optimizing treatments for SMA
 - New standards of care for SMA
 - Biomarkers in SMA
 - Other topics in SMA
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the congress book.
It is the author's responsibility to obtain approval from all co-authors before submitting the abstract. If accepted, any spelling, grammatical or scientific errors will be reproduced as typed by the author.
- An acknowledgement of receipt of the submission will be sent to the e-mail address of the presenting author specified in the registration form. The presenting author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing co-authors of the status of the abstract.
- The presenting author will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of the abstract in late October 2025. In case an abstract is not accepted and the author has already registered, they will have the option to receive a full refund of the registration fee.

- Abstracts may be submitted prior to registering for the event; however, registration must be completed within two weeks of receiving the abstract acceptance notification (expected by the end of October 2025). Failure to register within this period will result in the rejection of the submission and removal of the abstract from the programme. Please note that the early bird registration discount is available until 6th October 2025.
- If a selected presenting author cannot attend, they should assign a substitute and inform the SMA Europe's Research and Medical Manager (federica.fontana@sma-europe.eu) of this replacement in due time.

Abstract for the Community Award

Optionally, authors may choose to have their abstracts considered for the Community Award. This award is granted by a committee of SMA-expert patient advocates and recognises research that demonstrates meaningful impact for people living with SMA, both in the short and long term. To be eligible for consideration, authors must indicate this preference in the submission form include (within the Word file and in the designated text box), a brief lay summary of their abstract (maximum 1,000 characters) highlighting the potential impact of their research on the SMA community.

Abstract Requirements

- Abstracts must be submitted through the website.
- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Title: maximum 200 characters.
- Body text (including spaces but excluding title and authors' information): maximum 3000 characters.
Please include the co-author names in the uploaded abstract file, but copy only the body text in the box on the portal.
- Listed co-authors for each abstract: maximum 20. Additional co-authors should be referred to as a Study Group and can be displayed on the poster or acknowledged during an oral presentation.
- References and credits should not be included in the abstract, nor subheadings or keywords. Subheadings will automatically be removed.

Poster requirements

If the abstract is selected for a poster presentation, please note the following:

- Posters will be grouped by topic and displayed throughout the congress in the dedicated poster room.
- The presenting author must be present at the poster during the entire duration of the assigned session.
- Poster size should not exceed H = 150 cm, W = 90 cm, in portrait mode.

Contact

For any technical questions on the registration and abstract submission portal, please contact Ms. Astrid Dedrie: sma-europe.events@medicongress.com.