

## 5<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Congress on SMA

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Budapest, Hungary

### Abstract Submission Guidelines for Workshops

#### Key dates

Abstract submission deadline: 21-September-2025

Notification of abstract selection to authors: late October 2025

#### Important information

As part of the scientific programme, we are pleased to offer space for interactive workshops during the Congress. We warmly invite attendees to submit an abstract to propose and host a workshop.

- The format of the workshops is flexible and can be shaped by the organiser. Each workshop should include at least one additional speaker (more are welcome) and be approximately 1.5 hours in length (timing could be adjusted).
- Workshop topics are open and may include - but are not limited to - the following areas:
  - Health Economics & Access to Therapies
  - Optimising SMA Care
  - Transdisciplinary Approaches in SMA Research
  - From Bench to Business: Launching a Biotech Startup
  - Innovations in Robotics, Nanotechnology & Beyond
  - Public Health Perspectives in SMA
  - Understanding and Managing Clinical Symptoms in SMA
  - The Impact of Geopolitical Factors on Treatment Access
  - Emerging Trends in Clinical Practice
- Workshops are encouraged to engage a mixed audience, including researchers, healthcare professionals, and patient advocates.
- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel of experts.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the congress book. It is the submitter'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 workshop host specified in the registration form. The host will receive all correspondence

concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing co-speakers of the status of the abstract.

- The workshop host 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:federica.fontana@sma-europe.eu)) of this replacement in due time.

### 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, authors' information, logistical requirements): 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.

- Abstracts should include:
  - The proposed topic, objectives of the workshop, intended audience
  - Names and roles of at least one co-speaker
  - Any logistical or technical requirements
- References and credits should not be included in the abstract, nor subheadings or keywords. Subheadings will automatically be removed.

### Contact:

For any technical questions on the registration portal, please contact Ms. Astrid Dedrie: [sma-europe.events@medicongress.com](mailto:sma-europe.events@medicongress.com).