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Abstract submission
Participants interested in presenting papers at the Oral and Poster sessions are invited to submit their abstracts.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstracts Reviewing Committee.

The highest ranked abstracts among those submitted for oral presentation, may be considered for the Scientific Programs Committee for presentation during Symposia instead of Oral Communication Sessions. Moreover, all accepted abstracts will be collected into the official book of abstracts that will be published as a supplement of the Journal of the IMS: "Contemporary Scientia".

The deadline for abstract submission is January 12th 2018.

Abstracts can only be submitted using the online form available on www.imsvancouver2018.com, abstracts submitted by email or fax will not be accepted. Guidelines are available to help you complete the form.

Each person is allowed to submit no more than one abstract.

Presenting authors will be notified whether their abstract has been accepted by February 7th 2018.

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted must register for the Congress and pay the registration fee by March 20th, 2018. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the Scientific Program.

The full Congress Scientific Program will be available on the website www.imsvancouver2018.com.

If you have any queries about your poster or oral presentation, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

List of Topics for Abstracts submission
1. General menopause including
   - Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   - Hormone and non-hormonal therapy
   - Correction of estrogen insufficiency
   - The menopause after cancer
   - Other topics related to menopause

2. Hormones and hormone axis
   - Hormones and hormone receptor signaling mechanisms
   - Biological actions of sex steroids
   - Other hormonal receptors
   - Novel treatments and regimens

3. Hormones and the ovulation including
   - Obesity
   - Metabolic syndrome
   - Insulin resistance, diabetes and dyslipidemia
   - Other topics related to hormones and the metabolic syndrome

4. Sexual function including
   - Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   - Treatment options – psychological and medical approaches

5. Menopause and cardiovascular system including
   - Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   - Prevention and management of cardiovascular disease
   - Other cardiovascular topics

6. Menopause and the brain including
   - Neuromodulation and actions
   - Cognitive function
   - Sleep and sleep disorders
   - Alzheimer’s disease and other neurodegenerative disorders

7. Menopause and mental disorders including
   - Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   - Hormonal and non-hormonal treatment of mood and anxiety disorders
   - Schizophrenia and other mental disorders

8. Medical and health including
   - Bone loss and osteoporosis
   - Sarcomas
   - Pharmacological and non-pharmacological fracture prevention

9. Breast health including
   - Breast and breast cancer biology
   - Breast cancer epidemiology
   - Hormone therapy and breast cancer
   - Breast cancer screening and diagnosis
   - Tolerance and adverse event–related site effects
   - Other topics related to breast and breast cancer

10. Genomic including
    - Allostratic uncoupling
    - Management of breast, medical and surgical Endocrinology (in perimenopause and peri- and postmenopause)
    - PCOS – implications for menopause
    - Entomological and hormonal cues in women and men
    - Endometrial hyperplasia and cancer
    - Vulvar and vaginal conditions – or VAGSM and other studies
    - Diagnostic gynecology
    - Urogeniology – including incontinence and prolapse

11. Other medical and ethical topics
    - Hormones and non-gynecological cancer
    - Treatment and management of women
    - Treatment consequences in relation to the menopause
    - Novel non-hormonal treatment regimens

Deadlines
November 23rd 2017
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March 20th 2018
Registration at reduced rate