

Shared Journeys: Paths to Possibility



Abstract Submission Opens: Monday, 2nd February 2026

Submission Deadline: Monday, 13th April 2026: 23:59 (AEST)

Submission Outcome Email Notification: Friday, 12th June 2026

Call for Abstracts

On behalf of the Australian & New Zealand Spinal Cord Society (ANZSCoS), the Organising Committee would like to call for abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of ANZSCoS, to be held at the Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, from 25th – 27th November 2026.

Submitted abstracts must represent original work, which has either not been published or only published within the last year. The Review Committee will select abstracts for oral or poster presentation unless the author indicates a specific preference for poster presentation.

Oral Presentations: Total of 15 minutes; 10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes Q&A time.

Posters: Both physical and e-posters via the app - further details will be emailed once accepted.

Themes

Abstract submissions are welcomed across all areas relevant to spinal cord injury and rehabilitation.

The conference theme, “**Shared Journeys: Paths to Possibility**” is intended to be broad and inclusive, encouraging submissions that reflect collaboration, lived experience, innovation, and pathways to improved outcomes across the spinal cord injury community.

Review Process

All abstracts will be reviewed by the ANZSCoS Scientific Review Committee within a few weeks of the closing date. Updates will be communicated by the Meeting Secretariat. All presenters must register for a minimum of one day of the conference by the Early Bird Deadline for registration (**Monday, 31st August 2026**) or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program.

Formatting Requirements

Abstracts should be submitted online by **23:59 (AEST) Monday 13th April 2026**.

- Should be 250 words or less, exclusive of title, author(s) names, and institutional affiliation(s)
- Do not include degrees or titles in abstract
- Please do not use abbreviations unless defined in the abstract
- Care should be taken to ensure high quality English expression and grammar
- Please DO NOT include any tables, graphs or images with your abstract(s)
- Authors: please list the authors' full first name and full last name and affiliation (maximum 10) in accordance with the online submission portal.

Abstracts should use the following layout, if unsure about the layout of your abstract, please contact the ANZSCoS secretariat.

Title

This should be succinct and descriptive of the study

Introduction

Give a brief reason for the study. Provide a clear statement of the aims of the study

Methods

Give a short description of the study population or specimen preparation, data collection and processing.

Results

Important statistical results (such as confidence intervals, p values or correlation coefficients) should be included.

Conclusions

Make simple statements that are supported by the evidence shown in your results

Submitted abstracts can be edited any time prior to submission deadline on **23:59 (AEST) Monday, 13th April 2026** by emailing the meeting secretariat anzscosasm@dccam.com.au

Presentation Prizes

Prizes will be awarded across several categories. Further information will be made available once details are finalised.

Abstract(s) submission

Responsibility for the accuracy of the abstracts and the agreement of co-authors with the content of the abstract's rests with the principal author.

The presenting authors of successful abstracts need to register and pay to attend and present at the Conference.

- Successful abstracts will be published via the Meeting App.
- All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the ANZSCoS ASM Scientific Program Committee whose decisions are final. Disclosure of any conflict of interest and sources of funding for research must be made by the authors of an abstract.

The presenter information can be updated at a later stage should your abstract be accepted.