Key Dates
Submission Opens: Thursday 4th April 2024
NEW Submission Deadline: Friday 14th June 2024 (23.59 AWST)
Review Outcome Email Notification: Wednesday 3rd July 2024

(These dates are subject to change)

Call for Submissions

On behalf of the Australian & New Zealand Spinal Cord Society (ANZSCoS), the organising committee would like to call for submissions for the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of ANZSCoS, to be held as a hybrid meeting from 27-29 November 2024.

Submissions should represent individual or collective work of the person submitting. If it is for publication, it should have either not been published or only published within the last year. Other submissions in narrative, video, or other formats can also be submitted.

The Review Committee will select submissions for various formats unless the author indicates a specific preference for a poster presentation. Poster Presenters may also be given the opportunity to have a Rapid Poster Presentation in the Conference Program.

Themes

Abstracts relating to the conference theme of: *"SustainABILITY – Connect, Respect Heal"* and focussing on the following key areas as outlined below will be given preference for inclusion in the program.

- Inclusiveness
- Sustaining a SCI
    - Acute/subacute
    - In-Reach
    - Emerging trends in SCI presentations – NO, spinal cord infarct, hyperbaric treatment
    - Sustaining hope and purpose
- Sustaining SCI in the community
    - Ageing/long-term SCI
    - Bone health
    - Education
    - Nutrition – considerations of diet impact on SCI (bone health, sustaining healthy weight, bariatric healthcare) – use of antibiotics in food industry impact on multi-resistant organisms

- Sustainability in healthcare
    - Environmental sustainability
    - Obtaining and building resilience
- Sustaining connection
    - Virtual reality/rehab
    - Virtual healthcare
    - Sexual health
    - Community engagement & recreation
    - Return to work
    - Finding purpose

- Other*

*Submissions on other topics representing spinal cord injury will also be considered under the "other" category.

Review Process
All submissions will be reviewed by the ANZSCoS 2024 Committee within a few weeks of the closing date. Updates will be communicated by the Conference Secretariat. Some submissions will need to be amended and you may be asked by the Review Committee to submit these changes. It is the intention of the Review Committee to use the amendment process to assist authors to improve the value of their submission.

All presenters must register for a minimum of one day of the conference by the Early Bird Deadline for registration Monday 16 September 2024 or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program. ANZSCoS 2024 have solidarity tickets available, please see the website for further information.

Submission Guidelines
All submissions need to be submitted via the online abstract portal by **23:59 (AWST) Friday 14th June 2024.**

- Written summary should be 250 words or less, exclusive of title, author(s) names, and institutional affiliation(s) required in addition to the submission upload
- One submission upload e.g. written narrative, a soundbite, storytelling, video, or yarn on your topic (multiple formats available and optional)
- Submission title should be in BLOCK CAPITALS
- Authors' names need to be submitted within the affiliation section
- Do not include degrees or titles
- Authors' organisations/institutions or group that is involved in this submission should include the suburb/city, state, and country of the organisations/institutions
- Please do not use abbreviations unless defined in the summary
- How would you like to present this presentation
    - Poster
    - Oral Presentation
    - Yarning circle
    - Workshop
    - Other

Submissions can be edited any time prior to the submission deadline: **Friday 14th June 2024.**

Title
This should be succinct and descriptive of the presentation topic or study.

Introduction
Give a brief outline of the topic or the reason and aims of the submission.

Key points
Give a short description of discussion and points of the topic or if for a study, describe the study population or specimen preparation, data collection and processing.

Results/Opportunity for Leaning
For a study provide the important statistical results (such as confidence intervals, p values or correlation coefficients). For a topic this section is less important, however explain the take aways attendees will gain from this presentation.

Conclusion
Make a simple statement that will either summarise the topic or that are supported by the evidence shown in your results.

Conditions of submissions
Responsibility for the accuracy of the submission and the agreement of co-authors with the content of the submission rests with the principal author.

- The presenting authors of successful submissions need to register and pay to attend and present at the Conference.
- Successful submissions will be published online.
- All submissions will be reviewed by members of the ANZSCoS 2024 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 submission be accepted.

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