

PHYSIOTHERAPY *Rehabilitation*
Beyond 100 years of
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**World Physiotherapy Africa Region Congress hosted by
The South African Society of Physiotherapy**

The Theme: “Physiotherapy beyond 100 years of Rehabilitation”

Call for Late-breaking Abstracts

The Scientific Committee of the World Physiotherapy Africa Region congress 2024 hosted by The South African Society of Physiotherapy (SASP), invites you to submit a Late-Breaking abstract for oral and/or e-poster presentations in the following categories:

- Innovation and Health Promotion
- Early intervention
- Rehabilitation
- Education
- Interprofessional Management and Collaboration
- Student Projects (undergraduate)

Important dates:

Submission deadline: 13 June 2024

Notification of outcome: 20 June 2024

Please read this information below carefully before proceeding to the online submission form.



1. Submission Process

Apply on the congress website: saphysio.co.za/sasp-congress-2024/sasp-congress-2024/

This is an opportunity to submit your most recent research and have the insights presented at World Physiotherapy Congress 2024 in Cape Town, South Africa. In the submission system, you will be asked when your project was completed to ensure the most recent research is identified. Successful abstracts may be scheduled in specific “late-breaking” abstract platform presentation sessions if they meet the high standard of scientific merit for this category. All other abstracts that are submitted and do not meet the criteria of late breaking will be reviewed and considered by the congress programme committee but may be scheduled as poster presentations and will not be included in the abstract presentation awards selection.

1.1. **Abstracts are invited that:**

- report on the latest research with original scientific data [this includes systematic/narrative reviews and meta-analyses]; submissions with pending results and study protocols will not be accepted.
- address new and unique developments in practice, theory, education, management, policy, and resources.
- describe innovative ways in which established methods have been adapted to meet the changing needs of practice.

1.2. **Presentation format**

- Abstracts are presented either as a platform or poster presentation.
- All poster and platform presenters are required to attend the in-person congress in Cape Town and must be registered for the congress to be included in the programme. Terms and conditions apply.
- Each platform presentation is scheduled for twelve minutes plus two minutes for questions.
- ePoster presentations will be scheduled in the programme and grouped by topic and will be presented during lunch times in the exhibiting hall. Presentations is scheduled for five minutes with two minutes for questions.

The decision of which format to assign to any abstract rests with the Congress Scientific Committee (ScC).



2. Selection criteria¹

- 2.1. Submitted abstracts will go through a blind peer-review process carried out by international reviewers.
- 2.2. The following principles will be used to review late-breaking abstracts:
 - Has the project been completed since March 2024?
 - What is the reason that the abstract is late-breaking?
 - Does the report address a "significant" or "important" issue?
 - Do the methods/approach enable the question to be answered rigorously?
 - Have the data/findings been interpreted appropriately?
 - Are the contents of the abstract clear and logical?

3. Submission Guidelines

All correspondence will be with the person who submits the abstract online. The presenting author does not have to be the first named author listed in the abstract and will be identified through the submission process. The online submission form will provide restricted space for data entry, the available word count is indicated below, and the system will impose the limit.

3.1. **Please submit your abstract/s within the word limit under the following headings as indicated:**

Abstracts must be structured using the following format [not more than 250 words in total, 11 font Arial, double spacing]:

(Also refer to South African Journal of Physiotherapy Submission guidelines:

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES)

- **Original research:** 250 words to cover a Background, Objectives, Method, Results, Conclusion and Clinical Implications
- **Randomised clinical trial:** 250 words to cover a Background, Methods/design, Conclusion, Clinical Implications and Trial Registration. The clinical trial registry name and URL, and the registration number must be included at the end of the abstract.

¹ Source: World Physiotherapy

- **Systematic Reviews:** 250 words to cover a Background, Methods/design, Discussion, Conclusion and Clinical Implications.
- **Case reports:** 250 words to cover an Introduction, Patient presentation, Management and outcomes, and Conclusion.
- **Innovation:** 250 words to cover Background (context and purpose); Interest/focus of presentation; Description of work done (links to similar work); Implications; Value to fellow practitioners; Conclusion.

3.2. Guidelines to the content of the abstract (as applicable to the guidelines above):

- **Title of abstract:** *[maximum 20 words]*
- **Names and titles of presenter and co-authors /researchers** *[Contact details of authors to include full name and organization/institution for main author + E-mail and preferred contact telephone number for presenting author]*
- **Background and objectives** *[The introduction must contain your argument for the social and scientific value of the study, as well as the aim and objectives; Any secondary objectives? How does this study relate to the physiotherapy profession?]*
- **Methods** *[Describe the number and relevant characteristics of the participants and how they were selected. What methodological approach was used for the study and the methods used for data collection? Describe the type of qualitative / quantitative data analysis used to assist you in interpreting your data]*
- **Results** *[Briefly summarise the main findings derived from your analysis].*
- **Conclusion** *[Provide a brief conclusion that summarises the results and their meaning or significance in relation to each objective of the study]*
- **Clinical implications** *[What are the implications for therapy practice/ management/ education/ policy?]*

- 3.3. Any source of funding or support for the work being presented should be acknowledged. All presentations including research on humans (patients, carers, students, faculty, staff, colleagues) or animals must provide evidence that the research was carried out ethically (ie ethics committee approval, informed consent by subjects). To check that your research complies with ethical principles, please visit <https://bit.ly/3gHtmB21>. See also the global international standards. The Scientific Committee (ScC) expects the research to have been conducted in accordance with international principles.
- 3.4. The author presenting the paper must register to attend the in-person congress and be available to participate in the programme at the time scheduled.
- 3.5. The scheduling of all presentations will be determined by the ScC to ensure best fit with the overall congress programme. Any requests for specific dates and times will not be considered. Similar abstracts in related topic areas will be grouped together for presentation.
- 3.6. PowerPoint presentation will be available in all congress rooms.
- 3.7. There will be no display area provided for professional resource materials including computer-based programs, materials, and audio-visual resource presentations. It is expected that any resources or materials will have been designed/developed by the author(s) and MUST NOT currently be for sale commercially by the author(s) or another vendor. If featured, they must be included in the standard PowerPoint presentation or poster format.
- 3.8. Presentations are not permitted to market new products, equipment, or organisations, or use the presentation time to challenge or criticise competitors' products.
- 3.9. Presenting authors only will receive a certificate of presentation.
- 3.10. All presentations during the congress must include the same content and follow the same outline as described in the submitted and accepted abstract. Exceptions will only be allowed with written permission of the chair of the ScC.

- 3.11. In keeping with World Physiotherapy Africa Region and SASP policies, no honorarium, fee, or payment of expenses will be paid to presenters. All decisions of the ScC are final.

4. Consent and Permissions

In submitting an abstract you must confirm that:

- You accept responsibility for the accuracy of the submitted abstract and understand that the content cannot be modified or corrected after the submission deadline and that it will be published exactly as submitted
- All co-authors are aware of and agree to the content of the abstract and support the data presented
- All presenters have agreed to participate at congress, should the proposal be accepted for presentation, and take responsibility for their own travel, accommodation, and registration costs
- You accept responsibility as the contact person for all correspondence about the abstract and to share information with all authors about its status
- You have secured any copyright/permissions clearance required relating to any previous presentations, equipment, or other material for inclusion in the World Physiotherapy Africa Region 2024 Congress, its proceedings or other congress publications
- For all studies (including service evaluations and audits) involving human participants or animal subjects, permission has been obtained from the relevant ethics committee where applicable and properly informed consent given where appropriate both for the work completed and the intent to present
- Anyone who is identifiable in the abstract and presentation has given their consent to be included
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- You have identified any potential conflicts of interest eg. financial interest in products or processes described in the abstract, stock ownership, membership on an advisory board or board of directors, or other substantive relationships.

5. Copyright

On behalf of any and all co-authors, the submitter will confirm the:

- Consent to have authors' names, affiliations and biographical materials used in connection with the publication of your work.
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When completing the online submission process the submitter will be asked to confirm that the presenting author has read and understood the general information and the requirements they are expected to fulfil.

For any questions, please contact profdev.officer@saphysio.co.za or nationalevents@saphysio.co.za.

Thank you for your Submission!

