



SUBMISSION

Where can I submit an abstract? <https://owpm1.com/abstracts/WGI/>

Where can I find the submission guidelines? <https://owpm1.com/abstracts/WGI/>

When is the submission deadline? **11 APRIL, 2024 at 17:00 CET**

What is the word count for the abstract submission?

Abstract body must have a 500-word count limit. This does not include the abstract title.

Are tables or graphics allowed in my submission? No, tables and/or graphics are not allowed with submissions.

What is the maximum number of authors? 22 authors.

I only want to submit my abstract for a poster presentation, is that possible?

All abstracts are considered for Oral Presentation. If not accepted for Oral, then ALL submissions will be considered for Poster Presentation

Can I make edits to my abstract submission?

You may change your abstract even after finalizing up until the submission deadline of **11 APRIL, 2024 17:00 CET**. Once the submission site has closed, changes to abstracts will not be accepted.

When will I be notified about the status of my submission? Notifications will be emailed to all correspondents on the abstracts on **23 APRIL, 2024**. At any point in the abstract submission process, you can login to view your abstract details and any correspondence about your submission(s).

Are Encore abstracts accepted?

Encore abstracts will be allowed if they contain new data. During the submission process you will be asked if the abstract has been presented before, when you say yes you will be prompted to submit the original abstract as a reference.

Do you accept Trials in Progress abstract submissions? Yes, The 26th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer accepts Trials in Progress abstract submissions in all phases of clinical research (phase I to phase III). All abstracts submitted as Trials in Progress are ongoing trials that have not reached any protocol-specific endpoint for analysis and will only **require the completion of two sections: Background and Trial Design**. It is a requirement that recruitment must have already begun or have been completed by the abstract submission deadline.

I would like to submit a Trials in Progress abstract to The World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer for an ongoing Phase 3 trial. A similar abstract and poster presentation were undertaken at other meetings, but the trial is still ongoing and is still enrolling, can I submit it to The World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer? You may submit your abstract if you will be highlighting any new information that wasn't presented at the previous meetings.

Are Late-Breaking Abstract Submissions accepted?

The Congress late-breaking policy allows the submission of late-breaking abstracts defined as "high quality, **new** research findings from **randomized phase II or phase III trials** with implications for clinical practice or understanding of disease processes."

An abstract template should be submitted by the regular abstract deadline (**11 APRIL, 2024**). The

template should include title, author list, and a description of the study. A final abstract version must be submitted by **13 JUNE, 2024** and will be published in a supplement of *The Oncologist*.

Do you accept literature reviews? No, we do not.

Is there any fee for submission or acceptance to the conference for submitting an abstract? No, there are no fees to submit an abstract. We only require the presenting author to register for and be available to present the abstract at the Congress.

For a non-interventional/observational study, where recruitment is ongoing at the time of data cutoff and there is no pre-planned interim analysis – should the abstract submission fall under the category “Trials in Progress”, “Clinical” or “Other”? Please select, ‘Other’ as your category.

AWARDS

>>Travel Grant Awards

I am from a developing country, does The World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer offer any travel awards? A limited number (5) of **Travel Grant Awards** are available for investigators from developing nations. Awards are available to investigators from the countries indicated in the 2024 World Bank List of Economies as Lower-Middle Income Economies. The complete list can be found at <http://www.worldbank.org>

These awards will consist of Congress registration and a grant in the amount of €1500, given to the recipient at the Congress. Airfare and hotel can be arranged by HMP Global for the Grant Recipient. The total amount of the airfare and hotel will be deducted from the grant amount awarded onsite. If you have questions about this information, please contact HMP Global.

[Developing Nations Travel Award recipients from past congresses will not be eligible for this award.](#)

How do I apply for a travel award? The candidate must submit an abstract to The 26th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer in the usual manner, indicating that the abstract is to be considered for the Developing Nations Award on the Authors Page in submission. The candidate **must be the first author** of the submitted abstract. The work must not have been presented or published before the date of The 26th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer. Abstracts must be submitted on schedule and candidates will be required to submit a Curriculum Vitae and a 1-3-page description of their interests and current research in gastrointestinal cancer signed and approved by their department chair.

When will travel award recipients be contacted? Winners will be notified in APRIL 2024.

>>Young Investigator Awards

A limited number (3) of **Young Investigator Best Abstract Awards** are available, upon application, to first author (= presenter) to candidates under the age of 40 who submit abstracts considered deserving of recognition.

These awards will consist of Congress registration and a grant in the amount of €1000, given to the recipient at the Congress. Airfare and hotel can be arranged by HMP Global for the Grant Recipient. The total amount of the airfare and hotel will be deducted from the grant amount awarded onsite. If you have questions about this information, please contact HMP Global.

How do I apply for a young investigator award?

- The candidate must submit an abstract to The 26th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer in the usual manner, indicating that the abstract is to be considered for the Young Investigator Award during submission.

- To be considered for the Young Investigator Award, candidates will be required to submit a **brief summary (cannot exceed 500 words)** of the findings of the abstract and their relevance to the topics presented at the Congress.
- Young Investigator Award recipients from past congresses will not be eligible for this award.
- The age of the candidate should be **less than 40 years of age** by the submission deadline (Age will be verified).
- The candidate **must be the first and presenting author** of the submitted abstract.
- The work must not have been presented or published before the date of The 26th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer.

OTHER

We have been accepted for presentation, but author cannot attend the meeting, what happens?

The presenting author should register for the meeting. As an exception, if the original presenting author cannot attend the meeting, another author must present the abstract. Please note: the presenting author's affiliation cannot be a pharmaceutical company.

What are the Congress requirements for Conflict (or Disclosure) of Interest?

Disclosures are required from authors of all abstracts. These will be collected at submission.

How do I obtain a letter of Invitation and visas for travel to Spain? Invitation letters for travel visa purposes will be issued only after all registration fees have been paid in full. Instructions on receiving your invitation letter will be included on the registration confirmation you receive via email after your registration has been paid. **IMPORTANT:** Once the visa invitation letter has been issued to you, we will be unable to refund your registration fees.

Please check the visa requirements for your home country by contacting the nearest Spanish Embassy or Consulate. Two versions of the letter will be provided, one in English and a second in Spanish. Additional translations or versions of the letter are not available. HMP Global recommends applying for any necessary visas as far in advance of the Congress as possible to ensure you have time for your application to be processed. However, while it is our pleasure to aid our attendees by providing the visa invitation letter, we do not contact the Embassy or Consulate on behalf of attendees, and we cannot influence Embassy/Consulate procedures or decisions. In case of visa rejection, the Congress cannot be held responsible and therefore cannot refund any registration fees. The invitation letter does not commit the Congress, or the Congress Organizer, to any financial obligation. All expenses incurred by the attendee are the sole responsibility of the attendee.

Group leaders should contact HMP Global Registration directly to arrange for letters of invitation for their groups.

Where can I get my Certification of Attendance after the Congress? This will be provided after the Congress.

Where will the abstracts be published? Abstracts will be published in a supplement of *The Oncologist*.

Can I change my presenter? We must receive permission from the first author to change presenters. In addition, we only allow individuals from academic institutions to present at our Congress. So, if they are from a pharmaceutical company, they are not eligible.

When is the registration deadline for presenters? Accepted Abstracts will be sent a link to register as part of their acceptance letter. The link will allow the presenter to register at the early registration rate until **10 MAY, 2024**. Full registration rate will be available after this deadline.

What does the registration fee include? Registration fees include admittance to all scientific sessions, Congress materials, processing of certificates of attendance, and all event functions as specified in the agenda.

What is the meeting official website? <https://www.worldgicancer.com/>

When is the abstract withdrawal date? Abstracts must be withdrawn by **26 APRIL, 2024**.

What is required of the Presenting Author? The presenter's affiliation cannot be a pharmaceutical company and they must register, attend and present at the Congress. Presenters do not need to be an ESMO Member.

Is there an Attendee list available? No, there is not a list available beforehand, but attendees can be accessed through the Congress app and may self-identify their interests/specialty/institution. An email to connect to the app will be sent out to all registrants.