



# 6<sup>th</sup> Europe Region Physiotherapy Congress

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## Call for abstracts

**Submission deadline: 10 March 2026**

### Submission guidelines

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

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#### Submission process

Apply through the congress registration page: [Link to apply for the call for abstracts](#)

#### Important dates

Submission opens: **15 January 2026**

Submission deadline: **10 March 2026**

Notification of outcome: **May 2026**

#### Abstracts

Abstracts are invited that:

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

#### Presentation format

Abstracts are presented either as a platform or poster presentation (printed or ePoster).

**All poster presenters and platform speakers are required to attend the congress in person.**

### a. Platform presentations

Each platform presentation is scheduled for eight minutes plus two minutes for questions. Time will be attentively monitored.

### b. Posters presentations

- **Printed poster presentations:** authors will have a designated time on-site for discussion with participants. The area available to display printed posters will limit the number of printed posters that can be accommodated.
- **ePoster presentations:** will be scheduled in the programme. Speakers are given five minutes to present their ePoster, using electronic screens. The session chair will lead discussions between the audience and speakers. The area/space available for electronic screens will limit the number of ePosters that can be accommodated.

**Important, please note:** platform and poster presentations are considered by the Scientific Committee (SC) to be of equal standing and judged by the same criteria. While submitters may indicate their preferred format of platform presentation, printed poster presentation or ePoster presentation, the SC will assign abstracts to sessions. If the number of submitted requests for platform presentations exceeds the capacity of the programme, authors of submissions that cannot be accommodated as platform presentations will be offered the opportunity to present their work as posters, where there is greater capacity and ample opportunity for interaction with participants.

**The final decision of what format to assign to any abstract rests with the SC.**

### Selection criteria

Submitted abstracts will go through a blind peer-review process carried out by international expert reviewers. **The following principles will be used to review abstracts:**

1. Does the report address an original, significant, or relevant topic?
2. Do the methods or approach allow the research question to be answered rigorously?
3. Have the data or findings been adequately analysed in accordance with the study objective?
4. Is the abstract clear and concise, using appropriate terminology/terms?

### Submission guidelines

**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 space (limited by characters) for data entry, the available word count is indicated below.

**You will be asked to provide the following:**

1. **Title** of abstract [maximum 135 characters including letters and spaces].
2. **Completed abstract** [maximum 250 words]. Abstracts will be included in the congress proceedings and must be structured using the headings below.

Heading	Content must address the following questions
1. Background:	What was the context for the study/project? Why was it important that this project was undertaken?
2. Purpose:	What was the major aim/purpose for undertaking the project? (A project may be a research study, developing a new or adapted programme, method, theory, or resource). Any secondary objectives?
3. Methods:	What methods/methodological approaches did the project involve?
4. Results:	Summarise the main findings from the analysis
5. Conclusion(s):	What can be concluded from the study? What are the suggestions for future work?
6. Implications:	What are the implications of the project and how will the results be translated into physiotherapy practice/management/education/policy

*No images, tables or graphs are permitted.*

3. **Keywords:** use up to three keywords from Medical Subject Headings ([MeSH](#)).
4. **Funding acknowledgements:** please acknowledge all funding sources that supported your work. If the work was unfunded, please state: 'The author(s) received no funding for this work'. [maximum 20 words]
5. **Topics:** Primary **topic** [mandatory] secondary and tertiary topics [optional]
6. **Ethics approval** [see below]:  
During the abstract submission process, you will be asked whether this work required ethics approval. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject submissions where there is concern that the work may not comply with applicable human research legislation.
  - If ethics approval was required, you must provide evidence of approval, including the name of the ethics committee and the ethics approval reference number.
  - If ethics approval was not required, you must provide the reasons why approval was not necessary and, where applicable, the name of the ethics committee consulted.
7. **Conflict of interest:** All authors must disclose any financial and personal relationships with other people or organizations that could inappropriately influence the submitted work. If there are no interests to declare then please state the following: 'Declarations of interest: none'
8. **Speaker details** and biography of the presenting author [50 words].
9. **Co-author details** (complete names and affiliations).
10. Preferred **presentation format**.

## General information

1. **The official language of the congress is English.** All submissions and presentations must be delivered in English. **No translation services will be provided.**
2. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.
3. All presentations must describe **original work** to which all the authors listed have made a significant contribution. Any reference to personal experience should be clearly labelled as such.
4. All proposals and presentations must adhere to the **use of "people-first" language.** A person must not be referred to by disability or condition, and terms that could be considered biased or discriminatory in any way should be removed (e.g. "person with a stroke" instead of "stroke patients"). See: [www.disabilityisnatural.com/people-first-language.html](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com/people-first-language.html) for more information and examples.
5. Any **source of funding** or support for the work being presented, as well as any potential conflict of interest, should be acknowledged.
6. All presentations including **research on humans** (e.g. patients, carers, students, faculty, staff, colleagues) or animals must provide evidence that the research was carried out ethically (i.e. ethics committee approval, informed consent by subjects)<sup>1</sup>.
7. The **topics** selected will be used to inform the review, selection, and programming processes. Please choose the topic(s) that best describe the subject of your abstract that will attract the right audience to interact with you.
8. Only **one** presenting author per abstract is permitted. Only one of the **authors** may present the abstract. If no author is available onsite, the abstract will be withdrawn. Any changes to the presenting author must be notified directly to SC. Changes will be incorporated into the final programme if there is sufficient time, but thereafter, no further changes will be reflected in the programme.
9. A person can only **present** a maximum of **two** abstracts. During the submission process, he/she may be named as the presenting author on multiple **submissions** but will only be permitted to be confirmed as the **presenting author on two accepted** abstracts. Changes to the presenting author on accepted abstracts will be permitted. They may be named on other abstracts as a co-author. This excludes any submissions made and accepted as part of the call for focused symposia.
10. **Notification of outcome** will be sent to the submitter. Please note that only the person who submits the abstract will receive correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing all authors of the status of the abstract.
11. 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

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<sup>1</sup> [Declaration of Helsinki](#) of the World Medical Association (2013) and the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences' (CIOMS) [International Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects](#) published in collaboration with the World Health Organization (2106). CIOMS and International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (2012) [International Guiding Principles for Biomedical Research Involving Animals](#).

allowed with written permission of the chair of the SC.

12. Presentations are not permitted to market new products, equipment, or organisations, or use the presentation time to challenge or criticise competitors' products.
13. The scheduling of all presentations will be determined by the SC 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.
14. The **presenting author must register to attend the congress in-person** and be available to participate in the programme at the time scheduled. The author takes responsibility for their own travel, accommodation, and any other costs related to his/her participation at the congress.
15. In keeping with the Europe Region of World Physiotherapy policy, no honorarium, fee, or payment of expenses will be paid to presenting authors.
16. Only attending authors to the congress will receive a certificate for the abstract presented.
17. **All the accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement of the journal “[Archives of Physiotherapy](#)”**, including all the authors that contributed to the work submitted.
18. Each submitted abstract must indicate whether the material has been published, in whole or in part, in another journal before the 6th Europe Region Physiotherapy Congress in 2026. Abstracts will only be considered if the authors take responsibility for providing the necessary copyright authorization for inclusion in the congress proceedings or other congress publications.
19. Content belongs to the author(s). However, if the abstract is accepted, the submitter agrees, on behalf of all co-authors, to transfer and assign to the 6th Europe Region Physiotherapy Congress 2026 free of charge and on a non- exclusive basis, the rights to edit, publish, reproduce, reformat, distribute in whole or in part the abstract and to prepare all types of derivative works. These works may include press releases, recordings, and/or educational products, using all communication tools and means now known or hereinafter developed, including any and all analogue and digital means and any and all supports or forms of media now known or hereinafter developed. This includes use in indexes or search databases in print, electronic, or other media.
20. All decisions of the SC are final.

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- all co-authors are aware of and agree to the content of the abstract and support the data presented
- the presenting author has agreed to participate at the congress, should the submitted abstract be accepted for presentation, and takes responsibility for his/her own travel, accommodation, registration and any other costs related to his/her participation at the

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- 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
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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.

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