



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Deadline to submit your abstract
Friday 13 February 2026 23:59:00 (GMT+02)

We are pleased to welcome you on the abstract submission platform for the **26th International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC 2026)** that will take place in **Centre de congrès de Lyon, France**, on **22 August to 28 August 2026**.

We kindly ask you to read these guidelines before submitting your abstract.

If you have any query, please contact the scientific secretariat: scientific@imsc26.com or by phone: +33 (0)1 53 85 82 52

GENERAL RULES

1. Abstracts can only be submitted online via the online abstract submission platform: <https://imsc2026.process.y-congress.com/ScientificProcess/submission/indexSubmission.html>. Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted.
2. You can submit your abstract until **Friday 13 February 2026 23:59:00 (GMT+02)**.
3. Abstracts must be submitted in **English**. Abstracts submitted in any other language will be automatically rejected.
4. An abstract can be submitted to IMSC 2026 if it has not been published previously and/or only presented at a national meeting.
5. The grouping of data from the same work is highly recommended. Cutting a study in two abstracts is prohibited and will be sanctioned by the refusal of abstracts.
6. Abbreviations may be used after defining them first.
7. The abstract and its title must be anonymous. There should be no mention of the city, the hospital or the institution. The abstracts will be selected in a blind review process.
8. The study must have been carried out in compliance with the legislation on the GDPR policy for the submitter's data and speakers' data.
9. Trade names and company names cannot be mentioned in the title. However, trade names in brackets will be accepted in the body of the text if they are necessary to differentiate from similar products or to specify certain delivery devices or modes of application.
10. The scientific committee has defined the topics. **A review committee will review the submitted abstracts.** The review committee will ensure that the chosen topic by the author is adequate.
11. The notification of decision will be sent on **Wednesday 1 April 2026**, only to the **author indicated as the presenting author** during the submission process.

12. The submission of an abstract implies that the presenting author will register to **IMSC 2026** to present the communication. To register, please visit the [official conference website](#).
13. As a reminder, registration fees for accepted authors are not covered by IMSC 2026. They are required to proceed to the payment of the registration fee.
14. It is not possible to present online for speakers if selected. The presence onsite is required.

PUBLICATION POLICY

All abstracts will be published online in the IMSC 2026 abstract book.

Titles of abstracts will be published in the interactive program of IMSC 2026.

If you need to withdraw your abstract, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to: scientific@imsc26.com no later than Friday 20 March 2026.

SUBMISSION TOPICS

Please find below the list of 5 topics (and included scopes) to submit your abstract:

1. Fundamentals Instrumentation and Data

Latest developments of MS technologies: hardware and software, methodology and data analysis

<i>Software Innovations and Data Science in Mass Spectrometry</i>	<i>Gas-phase Ion Spectroscopies</i>	<i>Automation and High Throughput</i>	<i>Multi-modal MS approaches</i>
<i>High Resolution MS</i>	<i>Next-generation Acquisition Workflows</i>	<i>Activation/Dissociation methods</i>	<i>Ion Mobility Separation</i>
<i>Mass Analysers & charge Detection</i>	<i>Ionisation methods</i>	<i>MS imaging</i>	<i>Lab-on-chip miniaturization, portable instrumentation</i>

2. Life Sciences, Health Food and Pharmaceuticals

Biological objects and their applications

<i>Oligonucleotides</i>	<i>Proteomics</i>	<i>Exposome</i>	<i>Biomarkers</i>
<i>Spatial Omics</i>	<i>Interactomics and chemproteomics</i>	<i>Biopharmaceuticals and small molecules</i>	<i>Biomolecular and noncovalent complexes</i>
<i>Lipidomics</i>	<i>Single cell and sub-cell analysis</i>	<i>Forensics, sport doping and security</i>	<i>Metabolomics</i>
<i>Glycomics and glycoproteomics</i>	<i>Large ions and soft landing</i>	<i>Clinical applications of mass spectrometry</i>	

3. Chemistry and Materials

Fundamental properties and chemistry of matter in all states

<i>Ion structure, chirality, isomery, symmetry</i>	<i>Cross-linking & derivatisation</i>	<i>Ion chemistry and reactivity</i>	<i>Analysis of polymers and polymer surfaces</i>
<i>Supramolecular chemistry</i>	<i>MS for chemical synthesis and inoperando analysis</i>	<i>Ionization mechanisms</i>	<i>De Novo structural identification</i>
<i>Nanomaterials</i>			

4. Environment, Resources and Energy

Timely applications of MS to the natural and human-built environment

<i>Food quality, safety and authenticity</i>	<i>Art & cultural heritage</i>	<i>Energy</i>	<i>Natural products</i>
<i>Origins of life, archeology & paleontology</i>	<i>Earth, Ocean, astrochemistry and planetary sciences, exobiology</i>	<i>Atmospheric chemistry: aerosols, nanoparticles, air quality</i>	<i>Contamination, microplastics and polymer degradation in environment and water</i>

5. Grand Challenges and Opportunities

A spotlight on important topics for the global MS community

<i>New frontiers – emerging and breakthrough trends, innovations and challenges across all areas of mass spectrometry</i>	<i>Accessibility, teaching and outreach</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>	<i>Metrology and standards</i>
<i>Global cooperation and industry-academia collaborations</i>	<i>Applications of AI</i>		

ABSTRACT STRUCTURE

1. Abstracts must have the following structure:

- Introduction
- Methods
- Main results

2. **Abstract's length:** The abstract must not contain more than 25 lines (blank spaces, punctuation included). The abstracts' title as well as the authors' affiliation are not included in this limit. Title length is limited to 250 characters, spaces included. The title cannot be only in uppercase.

3. **Tables** are not allowed.

4. **Special characters and formatting:** You can insert special characters (e.g., Greek letters) and format your text using underline, bold, or italic styles. It is also possible to use subscript and superscript formatting where needed.

5. **Pictures:** You have the option of attaching 1 image file to your submission. The image is to be added as an attached file, in JPG, GIF or PNG format ONLY. The size of an image should not exceed 2 MB; with a maximum height of 800 pixels. The picture must not exceed 750 pixels height, and 750 pixels width.

6. It is possible to include QR codes, Digital Object Identifiers (DOI) in the text to link to supplementary material that is relevant to your abstract (for example, your website, a video or data sets available in online

repositories). However, if your QR code contains advertising information, please specify this in the "conflict of interest" section.

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3. List of authors

- **Submitting author:** person who submits the abstract and who will receive notification of decision (Refusal only).
- **Presenting author:** person who will present the work at the meeting and who is marked as the presenter in the congress programme and who will receive notification of decision (Oral communication or Posters).
- **Co-author:** cited co-author who scientifically endorses the abstract and is therefore responsible for its content

Before submitting an abstract, we strongly advise you to gather the exact and up-to-date contact details of your co-authors beforehand (title, first name, last name, email and affiliations: department, establishment, city, country), so that they can be contacted and informed of the registration procedure afterwards.

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- Conflict of interests: Authors and co-authors must declare any financial or other interests with a company in connection with the work presented.
- Once the submitter validates the abstract, all co-authors will be notified by email. Co-authors can only view the submitted abstract and only the submitting author can amend or delete it.