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INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE 2025
IMPERIAL COLLEGE SURGICAL SOCIETY

POSTER AND ABSTRACT COMPETITION



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This guide has been created to provide delegates with all the necessary information regarding the Abstract & Poster Competition at the International Trauma Conference 2025. It outlines the rules of submission, the publication and prize opportunities, and the process for preparing work in the correct formats.

Our aim is to ensure submissions are of the highest quality, meet academic and ethical standards, and give delegates the best chance of success. Whether you are submitting your first abstract or preparing a poster for international recognition, this guide will support you through each step of the process.

We look forward to reading your submissions!

The International Trauma Conference 2025 Organising Committee

Submission Timeline

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Abstract Submission

Monday 29th September - Monday 13th October



OR

<https://forms.office.com/e/s6APepDVN1>

Scan the QR or enter the link to submit your abstract



Your abstract will be reviewed by our academic team, writing to you with the outcome shortly after

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Shortlisted abstracts will be expected to present their posters during our research exhibition on the evening of Saturday 1st November to be judged by our panel



Winners will be announced in our closing ceremony on Sunday 2nd November where the runner-up and first place winners will be announced and receive their prizes

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Rules of Submission

please read carefully

All delegates submitting abstracts or posters must adhere to the following rules:

- Submissions must represent original research and original work
- Case reports and very small case series are not eligible
- Submissions must be surgically themed and relevant to trauma, surgery, perioperative care, or related disciplines
- Each individual may be listed as first author on one submission only, but may be co-author on multiple submissions.
- All submissions must be received by Monday 13th October at 23:59 pm. Late entries will not be considered.

Abstracts must be structured as:

- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Maximum of 1 table/figure is permitted

Maximum word count: 300 words

Author Information:

- All authors' full names and institutional affiliations must be provided.
- A corresponding author with a valid email address must be clearly designated.

Ethical Approval

- If the project required ethical approval, this must have been obtained.
- If ethical approval was not required, this must be clearly confirmed.
- We may ask you to provide evidence of the above if applicable.

Permission to Publish

- The overall winning poster will be submitted to the World Journal of Surgery in the Research Letter format for consideration. We expect the presenting author to prepare and submit this after the conference, ensuring that the manuscript complies fully with the World Journal of Surgery Research Letter guidelines (detailed below)
- All accepted abstracts will be published in The Scalpel special edition for the International Trauma Conference.

Rules of Submission

Presentation Requirement:

At least one author must be registered for the conference and available to present the work if selected.

Review Process

- Submissions will be reviewed by an academic panel using a standardised scoring framework.
- The decision of the review panel is final.

Plagiarism Policy

- Any work found to contain plagiarism will be automatically rejected.

Winners and Prizes

Overall Winning Poster

The winning poster will be submitted to the **World Journal of Surgery** in the Research Letter format for consideration. We expect the presenting author to prepare and submit this after the conference, ensuring the manuscript complies fully with journal guidelines.



Both the winner and runner-up will also receive exclusive prizes in recognition of their achievement in addition to certificates signed by our patron and head of the judging panel, Professor Kenneth Boffard.

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All Accepted Abstracts

All accepted abstracts will be published in *The Scalpel* – special edition for the International Trauma Conference 2025. Each abstract will receive a unique DOI and indexing via the British Library's ISSN and Crossref, ensuring your work is discoverable, citable, and permanently accessible worldwide



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Research Letter Guidance

The information below relates to the winning poster and later submission work they will need to share

The overall winning poster at the International Trauma Conference 2025 will be submitted to the World Journal of Surgery in the Research Letter format. Below are the key requirements and tips to help you prepare your manuscript.

What is a Research Letter?

A Research Letter is a concise, focused report of original research. It allows authors to share important findings quickly and clearly without the length of a full article.

Structure & Content

Research Letters should include the following sections:

1. Introduction

- Brief context and rationale for the study.
- State the research question or objective clearly.

2. Methods

- Summarise study design, participants/data, and analysis methods.
- Keep this concise but provide enough detail for clarity.

3. Results

- Present the key findings only.
- Use 1–2 tables/figures if essential to illustrate results.

4. Discussion

- Interpret the findings in the context of the field.
- Highlight significance and implications for trauma/surgery.
- Acknowledge limitations briefly.

Formatting Requirements (World Journal of Surgery)

- Maximum 800 words of text.
- Maximum 10 references.
- Maximum 2 tables or figures (combined).
- No abstract required.
- Online supplementary material only for brief additional methods (not results or discussion).

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Tips for Converting a Poster into a Research Letter

- Condense: Focus on the most important message your poster communicates.
- Prioritise results: Don't include all your data – only the key findings.
- Clarity over detail: Readers should grasp the “so what?” quickly.
- References: Use only the most relevant and recent sources.
- Figures/Tables: Select only what is essential for understanding your results.

Submission Process

- After the conference, the winning author(s) will be expected to draft their Research Letter.
- The manuscript should be prepared according to the above guidelines.
- The conference team will provide initial guidance and feedback before formal submission to the World Journal of Surgery.

For more information please visit:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/14322323/homepage/author-guidelines#ResearchLetters>