

Overview

You are invited to submit an abstract for the 2022 Winter Symposium. Winning entries will have the opportunity to showcase their work to the audience in a quick fire 10-15 minute session. The top entry will be announced at the end of the abstract presentation session. The winner will receive an amazon voucher to the value of £50.00. The first runner up will receive a £25.00 amazon voucher, and the second runner up will receive a £10.00 amazon voucher. All shortlisted entries will be invited to present their work as an e-poster which will be displayed on the website throughout the two-day conference. You will also receive a certificate stating that your work has been displayed at a national conference.

Topic

This year's topic is "**Sustainability**"

Eligibility

The competition is open to foundation medical students, trainees, non-trainees and consultant anaesthetists.

Prize

Three winning entries will be chosen to give a 15-minute presentation on their poster or abstract to an audience of over 100.

Free entry to the conference on the day of the presentation

How to enter

- Submit a copy of your abstract as an attachment to events@rcoa.ac.uk along with a signed copy of the form below
- Please ensure you follow the abstract preparation guidelines on page 2, as failure to do so could result in your entry being disqualified from the competition.

What happens next?

- The closing date for entries will be midnight on **Friday, 4 November 2022.**
- A panel of RCoA judges will assess all submitted abstracts. Authors will be notified by **as soon as possible** if they have been invited to display their work at the **Winter Symposium 2022.**
- The highest scoring authors will be invited to display their poster as well as give a 10-15 minute poster presentation of their work to the panel of judges
- Please follow the poster preparation guidelines on page 2, failure to follow the guidelines could result in disqualification from the competition
- All authors will need to book a place on the event in order to display their poster. Please visit www.rcoa.ac.uk/events to book your place at the **Winter Symposium 2022.**

Key information

- Please note that only one author will be invited to present, though it is understood that other individuals may have contributed towards the poster content.
- Previously published work or work that has already been presented at a national meeting will not be considered for presentation. Work that has been presented at hospital, school, or regional meetings will be considered.
- Candidates will be required to pay to attend the **Winter Symposium** to present their work.

I _____ (print name) certify that the research submitted has not been previously presented at a major meeting or published.

I confirm that all the authors listed support the submission of this abstract to the RCoA **Winter Symposium 2022.**

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Note: signatures/electronic signatures are preferred; however typed names in the signature field will be accepted as certification of this statement.

Abstract Preparation Guidelines

All abstracts submitted must follow these guidelines

Abstract format

- Single A4 sheet
 - Plain text, rich text or Microsoft Word
 - 12 point font
 - Times New Roman font
 - 2.5cm margins
 - Single line spacing
 - A blank line separating paragraphs
 - One table or figure is permitted, these should be incorporated into the document and the text should be reduced accordingly to accommodate these within the A4 page allowance
- Note: Images/figures may be embedded within MS Word documents or may be sent separately as .jpg or .gif files*

Abstracts must include

- Abstract title
- All authors' initials, last names and place where work was carried out
- The text of the abstract should not contain headings, but should follow a general progression through background, methods, results and conclusion
- If a figure or picture or table is used; caption (same font guidelines as above apply)
- A maximum of 5 References; listed and cited as specified by the British Journal of Anaesthesia
- Acknowledgement of sources of funding
- The following statement (if applicable and true): "This study received ethics committee approval or was conducted under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act (1986) (include licence numbers) or equivalent."