ERS 2017 Milan International Congress
GUIDELINES FOR AUTHOR PRESENTING IN
POSTER DISCUSSION SESSIONS

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When and what will I present?

The schedule of your presentation will be available on the online programme. Use the search engine and look for your abstract by typing its title (full or part) or your surname (in the search by speakers). Once you find your abstract, click on it to access the date, room and timing of the session in which you will take part.

As an author participating in a Poster Discussion session, you will have to prepare one paper poster (max. 150 cm high x 95 cm wide – portrait format).

Guidelines for preparation of a poster for Poster Discussion sessions

Your abstract has been selected for a Poster Discussion session. You will therefore have to prepare a paper poster. Please read the following guidelines carefully.

1. The maximum available area for displaying your poster, **size 150 cm high per 95 cm wide** (portrait format – be aware that the lower part of the poster board will be at 30 cm from the floor).

2. We suggest that you design your poster layout with the following sections:
   - Title, authors, address (at upper edge, across the width of the whole poster)
   - Aims
   - Methods
   - Results
   - Conclusions

3. The title should be emphasised by the use of bold-face type or similar lettering. The text should be printed in the same kind of lettering, large enough to be read comfortably from a distance of 2-3 metres.

4. The text should be kept to a minimum and should be broken up by the inclusion of figures, drawings and/or photos. The use of colour makes the poster more effective and attractive.
5. Material for displaying your poster on the poster board will be supplied onsite by the organizers. Do not print your poster on a too heavy material.
6. Please be in the session room at the latest 10 minutes before its start, in order to display your poster. Panels will indicate where to display your poster.

**During Poster Discussion sessions**

Poster Discussion Session at the ERS Congress will be a combination of individual one-to-one discussions based on paper posters displayed in the room, followed by a thematic discussion

- Be in the session room 10 minutes before your session starts.
- The session opens with a short introduction by the Chairs of the session.
- During 60 minutes, the Chairs and the delegates go around the room, considering each poster.
- Then the audience and the abstracts’ presenters sit down and the Chairs lead an open discussion/ Questions & Answers during 50 minutes.
- The session Chairs close the session with a 5 minutes conclusion covering a summary of the session and a “Take Home” message.

*NB: ERS cannot be held responsible for lost and damaged posters or material.*

**E-Poster creation**

Creating and uploading your E-poster will increase the visibility of your work, as it will also be available during the five days of the Milan Congress and not only during the time of your presentation session. This is a great way to build up interest in your presentation and also provide good audience participation during your presentation.

*You will receive in July the link and login to upload your e-poster.*

[Visit the website to find out more](#)

**Poster printing facilities**

Our partners, Learner's Digest International Europe, will be offering an online printing service, called Call4Posters®. It is an easy way to have your poster printed and shipped for pick-up at the congress, or to your choice of address. This service will be available from July and Learner's Digest International Europe will contact all authors with detailed information. Printing and shipping will be at authors’ own cost.