

## Instructions and rules for submission of abstracts

Participants are invited to submit original scientific abstracts provided that full text papers with prevailing contents as summarized in the abstracts have not been previously published. Authors are requested to conform to the guidelines below. Abstracts not conforming to the guidelines will not be referred for review.

**1. Number of submissions:** There are no restrictions on the number of submissions but similar abstracts must be avoided.

**2. Length of abstract:** Minimum length is 200 words of the body text (without paper title, authors and keywords). Maximum length is limited by fitting onto 1 page of the template. The abstract should have enough substance for an adequate evaluation by the reviewers.

**3. Language:** The abstracts must be submitted in English only.

**4. Formatting:** The abstract template file must be used for preparation of the abstracts. Only abstracts using the styles of that template file will be accepted.

**5. Contents:** The abstract should be as informative as possible.

- The title should clearly indicate the subject of the abstract. Abbreviations should be avoided in the title.
- All authors and their institutional affiliations must be indicated in the header of the abstract. Principal author should be listed as the first author. Name of the presenting author shall be in bold.
- Body abstract should concisely reveal the motivation, specific objectives, methods used, summary of the results and conclusions.
- No tables or images are allowed in the abstract!
- Equations and formulae should be avoided in the abstract. These are not needed to reveal the aim and nature of the abstract.
- No references are allowed in the abstract! Any disclosure of the names, affiliations etc. shall be avoided. Keep in mind that for double-blind review this is essential.

**6. Form of presentation:** Preferred form of presentation must be indicated in the abstract by selecting one of the three options (oral presentation – presented poster – panel poster) and deleting the others. Note that the Programme Committee may alter this choice.

**7. Ban of advertisement:** Any references to products, advertisement or even direct marketing are strictly forbidden. Note that the abstract may be rejected if not adhering to this requirement!

**8. Submission:** The abstracts must be uploaded on the conference website. Abstracts sent other way than through the online submission system will not be accepted. The abstract file for submission shall be labelled by last name, first name and optional consecutive number if more than one abstract of same author is to be submitted.

**9. Deadline:** The deadline for submission is November 30, 2019 at 24:00 CET.

**10. Review:** For evaluation of the abstracts a double-blind review will take place. Throughout the review process both the reviewer and author identities will be concealed from each other. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the relevance of topic, need for objectives, suitability of methods, quality and usefulness of results, implications from conclusions, scientific value, originality of work, level of language and overall impression.

Based upon review the Programme Committee will make selection of papers for oral presentation, presented poster, panel poster (or rejection). Notification of acceptance or rejection by the Programme Committee will be mailed to the submitting author. Detailed information, guidelines and recommendations for preparation of full-text papers and oral or poster presentations will be published with the second information (by January 31, 2020).

**11. Registration:** Submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the author to present the paper in the conference at the time decided by the Programme Committee. Authors are encouraged to register via the online registration system by the early registration deadline (April 30, 2020). Failure to register by the presenting author by June 20, 2020 (the standard registration deadline) will automatically imply that the presentation will not be included in the final programme (published in the third information). If the original presenting author is unable to present the paper, it is his responsibility to ensure that one of the co-authors takes over this role. Failure to present the paper for other than well-founded reasons will lead to rejection of abstracts submitted at the next Lumen V4 Conference. Registration fee for the presenting authors will not be waived.

**12. Questions:** For any questions regarding the submission of abstracts please contact: [stanislav.darula@savba.sk](mailto:stanislav.darula@savba.sk).