

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

## How to write a poster or paper abstract: Implications for acceptance to the 39<sup>th</sup> ZSSA Congress

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Abstract preparation is critical for the success of Congresses. This important issue requires urgent attention to prevent any further loss in sanity of organisational staff. If this issue is not addressed before 28 February 2019, the attendance of any delegate will be prohibited. Therefore, we followed the protocol for abstract presentation to the letter, with specific focus on the 200 word limit. Eighty percent of potential attendees conformed to Abstract-Preparation-Laws (APL). This was positively correlated with Time-To-Deadline (TTD). However, this relationship was augmented by individual dominance. The presence of dominant individuals resulted in subordinates employing longer TTDs, which significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) improved the application of APLs. Conversely, the presence of more subordinates reduced the TTDs for dominant individuals. However, this did not influence the application of APLs for dominant individuals. Outlier analysis showed that abstracts falling beyond APLs skewed the results. Therefore, these individuals were excluded from further participation in the Congress. After outlier removal, 100% of attendees conformed to the APLs. Although, the removal of outliers is extremely laborious, it provides for much improved congress operation. Thus, the application of outlier elimination is crucial to the survival of organisational staff and the fitness of the Congress.

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