



41st ANNUAL ACADEMIC CONGRESS 2025

COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS & INTENSIVISTS OF SRI LANKA

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

College of Anaesthesiologists & Intensivists of Sri Lanka invites submissions from those interested in presenting free papers & posters at the 41st Annual Academic Congress 2025.

Prize Competitions for Best Free Papers and the Poster

Authors of the best free papers and the poster will be awarded Prizes.

	Competition	Type of Presentation	Eligibility
1.	Free Papers L. M. V. Attygalle Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Oral Presentation (<i>In-person only</i>)● Content in relation to anaesthesia, intensive care, pain medicine or resuscitation sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Non-consultant anaesthetists</u> in Sri Lanka holding an appointment in anaesthesia (with or without pain medicine or intensive care)● <u>Presenter</u> should be the <u>principal author</u>
2.	Free Papers Rathnasabapathy Sashidaran Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Oral Presentation (<i>In-person only</i>)● Content in relation to anaesthesia, intensive care, pain medicine or resuscitation sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Principal author</u> should be a medical practitioner holding an appointment in anaesthesia (with or without pain medicine or intensive care)
3.	Posters Rathnasabapathy Sashidaran Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Poster Presentation (<i>In-person only</i>)● Content in relation to anaesthesia, intensive care, pain medicine or resuscitation sciences● Case Reports, Audits etc., <u>preferably</u> as posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Principal author</u> should be a medical practitioner holding an appointment in anaesthesia (with or without pain medicine or intensive care)
4.	Free Papers Shirani and Thilak Hapuarachchi Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Oral Presentation (<i>In-person only</i>)● Content in relation to anaesthesia, intensive care, pain medicine or resuscitation sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Medical students of Sri Lankan Medical Faculties● If research is supervised by a consultant, a letter from the supervisor should be submitted

Types of Abstracts Accepted

- Original Research
- Audits and Quality Improvement Projects
- Case Reports

Important Deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline

15.09.2024

Deadline to submit Revised Abstract

30.11.2024

Notification of Abstract Acceptance

15.12.2024

Early Bird Congress Registration Deadline

15.01.2025

Congress Registration Deadline

31.01.2025

Deadline to Submit E-Oral Presentation

31.01.2025

Deadline to Submit E-Poster

31.01.2025

Abstract Submission Guidelines

All abstracts submitted must adhere to the Declaration of Helsinki's ethical principles for medical research involving human subjects and the rules laid down by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors in their Recommendations for conducting, reporting, editing, and publishing scholarly work in medical journals.

The abstracts should be related to anaesthesia, critical care, pain medicine or resuscitation sciences.

Abstracts should not have been published previously or submitted and presented at a conference or major meeting. The principal author is required to sign a **Declaration Form** confirming the originality of the abstract.

A duly filled **Author Information Form** is to be submitted indicating the designation/grade of all authors, the affiliated institution/s, and the contact details.

Authors of abstracts selected for presentation should submit an **extended abstract**, limited to 1000 words, a maximum of 3 illustrations (tables/graphs/ figures, etc.) along with the digital copy of the oral presentation/ poster.

All abstracts/ extended abstracts must be submitted in English and should not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors.

The abstract, along with the following supportive documents, should be emailed to congresscoaisl@gmail.com on or before the deadline.

- **Declaration Form** signed by the principal author
- **Author Information Form**
- Copy of the **Ethics Review Committee (ERC) approval or waiver (Audits)**
- Copy of the **Institutional approval**, where applicable
- **RCT registration number**
- For Case Reports, the principal author to declare in writing that the patient's consent has been obtained for submitting their case study as an abstract.

Preparation of Abstract

Abstracts should be prepared as a **Word file** formatted as follows:

- **Font:** Times New Roman 12- point
- **Title:** Bold capital letters
- **Word limit:** 300 words (excluding the title, author names/ affiliations, and references.
- **Paper size:** A4
- **Margins:** all set at 2.5 cm
- **Line spacing:** single

Content of the Abstract should include:

- Title
- Name/s of Authors: The last name is followed by a comma and the initials, with the presenting author's name underlined. A superscript number should be placed after each name to refer to the respective affiliation/s. E.g.: Perera, AB¹, De Silva, CD²
- Author affiliations: Should be written as, ¹Senior Registrar, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo, ² Registrar, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, Sri Lanka (superscript number placed before each affiliation)
- Abstract body: should be **structured** as follows,
 - Ⓢ **Original Research/ Audits**: Introduction, Objectives, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion/s
 - Ⓢ **Case Reports**: Introduction, Case description, Discussion, Conclusions/ Learning points
- Illustrations: only one figure, image, graph, or table may be included with a legend/caption.
- Keywords: a maximum of 5
- References: a maximum of 3 references for case reports and 5 references for original research/ audits, cited within the body of the abstract, using the format [1], [2], [3].
- Reference list: formatted as 1st author name, et al. Abbreviated journal title year; volume: page numbers, e.g. Rueffert H, et al. Br J Anaesth 2021;126:120-30.
- Acknowledgments: sources of funding and conflicts of interest, if applicable.

Information to Authors

Abstracts received after the deadline **will not be** accepted.

Based on a blind review, a panel of reviewers will make a preliminary selection of the papers/posters to be presented & notification will be sent to the principal authors via an email within 3-4 weeks of the deadline for abstract submission.

Authors are expected to submit the revised abstracts (if any) on or before the deadline indicated.

Abstract Competition Committee – AAC 2025 reserves the right to decide if an abstract submitted will be presented orally or as a poster.

A panel of judges shall decide on the award of prizes at the AAC 2025 and the decision of this panel in all matters relating to the competition shall be final.

All papers/ posters will be judged based on quality, methodological merit, work involved, the standard of presentation, question handling, scientific relevance, and originality of the work done.

The prize/s will not be awarded if the judges decide that the presentations are not up to the expected standard.

Conflict of Interest

The principal author of an abstract is requested to declare any potential conflicts of interest for all authors during the abstract submission. The inclusion of trade names/brand names is not allowed in the abstract.

Withdrawal of Abstract

A written statement reflecting the reasons for withdrawing your abstract must be emailed to congresscoaisl@gmail.com no later than 31st January 2025.

Inquiries

For any queries, please email to congresscoaisl@gmail.com

For any queries related to a particular submission, please include the reference number allocated to your abstract.

Terms and Conditions

- Abstracts accepted for the congress are subject to the “Transfer of copyright”. With the submission of an abstract, the authors agree to the transfer of copyright.
- The Principal Author has the right to grant, and does grant, on behalf of all authors an exclusive license to AAC 2025 to publish the abstract (if accepted).
- Accepted abstracts will be published in an **e-conference proceedings book**.
- The presenting authors of selected abstracts for oral/ poster presentations must register for the Annual Academic Congress 2025.
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the presenting author to present the abstract (if accepted) orally or as a poster in the session and the time assigned by the Abstract Competition Committee - AAC 2025. We therefore recommend that submitters of abstracts register for the congress simultaneously with the abstract submission.
- Scheduling of poster sessions and oral presentations is at the discretion of the Abstract Competition Committee.
- AAC 2025 does not provide any individual feedback on the reasons for acceptance/ rejection of an abstract.
- If the presenter does not register for the AAC 2025 by 31st January 2025, the abstract will be withdrawn and not published in the e-conference proceedings book of AAC - 2025.
- Abstracts not adhering to these terms will be rejected. The final decision about the acceptance of an abstract will be taken by the Abstract Competition Committee - AAC 2025.

*