



Call for Scientific Papers for the 51st ISHACON, 2019

Greetings!

The scientific committee of ISHA invites papers for the 51st ISHACON to be held at Bangalore from 8th to 10th February, 2019. The abstracts of papers may be submitted under **Speech, Language, and Audiology Categories** either in the oral/poster modes. The scientific committee may reallocate the General Category papers into the other categories. The Oral (platform) presentations are open to PG/PhD/Research Fellows/Practising Professionals.

KEY DATES

September 30, 2018: Last date for submission of abstracts (Max. words – 1200)

October 31, 2018: Notification of selection/rejection of abstracts

November 30, 2018: Last date for submission of full-length papers (Follow submission guidelines of JISHA: <http://www.jisha.org/contributors.asp>)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Papers submitted for oral presentation will not be considered for poster presentation.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS:

Preparation:

1. The abstract must be on original clinical/research work carried out by the authors themselves. No review of literature or compiling of work done by others will be accepted.
2. The abstracts must include clearly defined sections as follows: Introduction, Need for the study, Aim & Objectives, Method, Results & Discussion, and Summary & Conclusion (bibliography optional).
3. Please check your abstract for similarity with previously published works (i.e., plagiarism). **Only those papers having $\leq 25\%$ of similarity will be considered for review and possible acceptance.**

Submission:

4. The last date for submission of abstracts is **30th September 2018 (Sunday) till midnight**. Abstracts received after this date and time will not be accepted. All abstracts should be submitted through online “**article submission**” module in members only pages of www.ishaindia.org.in



5. The presenting author should be a life/ordinary/student member of ISHA. ISHA membership is mandatory for **ALL co-authors** who are Speech and Hearing professionals/students. Membership number and email id need to be submitted while submitting the abstract online.
6. **Please note that new membership registration will not be provided from 25th September to 30th September. Additionally, conversion of the 3 digit life membership number to the current 8 digit number will also not be done during this period.**
7. The author who submits the abstract will be the CORRESPONDING author. **The name of the presenting author should be underlined in the first page.** No changes will be accepted after submission.
8. The 8-digit ISHA membership number should be entered during submission. Wait for your details to be updated on the ISHA website. **To avoid problems during submission of abstracts, it is advised to submit the documents well in time.**
9. All abstracts submitted by the due date will first be scrutinized for adherence to format guidelines. Only those abstracts that meet the guidelines will be considered for the subsequent review process.

Intimation of decision:

10. The corresponding author will be intimated by email about the selection of the abstract by **October 31, 2018**. Alternatively, the information will also be posted in the web portal of ISHA. If abstract is selected for presentation at the 51st ISHACON, link will appear to submit full length article in the '*Article submission*' section. Full length papers, prepared in adherence to the JISHA, must be submitted not later than the **30th November, 2018 online**.

GUIDELINES FOR FULL-LENGTH PAPERS

The authors of the abstract that are accepted who wish to compete for awards **MUST submit the full-length paper** to the online submission portal of the conference (Please visit: www.ishaindia.org.in). The awards will be given to those articles that meet a common set of criteria.

Preparation:

1. The Full-length papers must be prepared in accordance with the manuscript preparation guidelines of the Association's official journal (JISHA). These guidelines are available at: <http://www.jisha.org/contributors.asp>.
2. There must be two components for each full-length paper. The first component is the **first-page file**, comprising of the title of the study, as well as the names and affiliations of all authors. The first-page file must include the name and corresponding address of the corresponding author. The second component is the **article file** comprising of the title of the study, and full-length paper with bibliography. **No identifying information of the authors must be included in the article file.** Please visit <http://www.jisha.org/contributors.asp> for more details on the preparation of full-length papers.
3. Avoid the use of bullets in your article file.
4. Ensure that the combined file size does not exceed 1 MB.



Submission:

5. The first-page and article files must be submitted to the submission portal of ISHACON.
6. **DO NOT SUBMIT your files to JISHA!**

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Abstracts:

All abstracts will be reviewed by more than one reviewer. The outcome of this review process would be recommendations for 'accept' or 'reject'.

Full-length papers:

Prior to the commencement of the review process, a similarity (plagiarism) check would be performed on all full-length papers. Only those papers with a similarity index \leq 25% would be reviewed by more than one reviewer (and thus be eligible for possible awards) on the following aspects:

- a. The adherence to the preparation guidelines
- b. The logical organization of the content and substrates on which the outcome(s) is/are derived (e.g., study design, sample size, methods of data collection, analysis, and interpretation)
- c. The research/clinical impact of the study and
- d. The onsite evaluation

Please contact respective co-ordinator for any further clarifications:

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