



Indian Speech-Language & Hearing Association (ISHA)

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Call for Scientific Papers for the 58th ISHACON, 2027

Greetings!

The scientific committee of ISHA invites scientific papers for the 58th ISHACON, 2027, to be held in Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, **from 29th January to 31st January, 2027**. The abstracts of papers may be submitted under **the Speech, Language, and Audiology Categories, either in platform (oral) or poster mode**. The platform (oral) presentations are open only to PG/PhD/Research Fellows/Practicing Professionals.

KEY DATES

September 30, 2026 : Last date for submission of abstracts (Max. words -1200, excluding references)

October 31, 2026 : Notification of selected abstracts.

November 30, 2026 : Last date for submission of full-length papers (Follow submission guidelines of JISHA: <https://journals.lww.com/INSH/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>)

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS:

Preparation:

1. The abstract must be on original clinical/research work carried out by the authors themselves. Case studies may be submitted to the poster mode only. No review of literature, systematic review, meta-analysis, or compilation 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 & Conclusions (bibliography optional).
3. Please check your abstract for similarity with previously published works (i.e., plagiarism and AI). **Only papers with $\leq 25\%$ similarity (for plagiarism and AI) will be considered for review and possible acceptance.**

Submission:

The last date for abstract submission is 30th September 2026, by **11 PM**. **Abstract submission portal will be deactivated after 11 PM on 30th September, 2026**. All abstracts should be submitted through the online “*article submission*” module in the members-only pages of www.ishaindia.org.in



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1. The presenting author should be a life/ordinary/student member of ISHA. ISHA membership is mandatory for **ALL authors and co-authors**. The membership number and email ID must be provided when submitting the abstract online.
2. **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.**
3. The author who submits the abstract will be the **PRESENTING and CORRESPONDING author**. No changes will be accepted after submission. Please do not ask for additions/revisions to names post-submission.
4. 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 the submission of abstracts, it is advised to submit the abstract(s) well in time. No requests will be entertained regarding submission after the due date.**
5. All abstracts submitted by the due date will first be scrutinized for adherence to the format and plagiarism guidelines. Only those abstracts that meet the guidelines will be considered for the subsequent review process.

Additional submission regulations:

1. One member cannot submit more than five papers (as author and/or co-author) in total for ISHACON 2027 (across all three categories). After the first five papers, any subsequent submission that carries the same author's name will not be sent for review. Requests to delete/change the author's name after reaching the limit of five papers will not be entertained.
2. Only the first author / corresponding author will receive email intimation regarding the acceptance of the paper. Separate emails will not be sent to all co-authors. Intimation regarding rejection of the paper will not be sent to the authors. Authors are advised to check the ISHA website and their Spam folder if they do not receive the intimation within the time frame.
3. During abstract submission, the first author must indicate whether the paper is being submitted for the oral or poster category. If submitting for oral presentation, there will be an option to consent to a poster presentation in case the paper is not selected for oral presentation. Papers rejected for oral presentation will not be considered for poster presentation (and vice versa) unless this option is explicitly checked during submission. Any request to change the category after submission will not be considered. The acceptance list published on the ISHA official website will be deemed final.
4. Students (Undergraduate only) cannot submit/ be a co-author in a platform (oral) presentation. All authors in the oral presentation must be PG/PhD students/Research Fellows/Practicing Professionals (with a valid ISHA Life/ associate membership number).
5. The scientific committee reserves the right to revise, update, or modify the regulations related to submission, review, and selection at any point in time.



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Intimation of decision:

If the abstract is selected for presentation at the 58th ISHACON, a link will appear in the 'Article submission' section to submit a full-length article. Full-length papers, prepared in adherence to the JISHA guidelines, must be submitted before **30th November, 2026**. **Submissions must be made online.**

GUIDELINES FOR FULL-LENGTH PAPERS

The authors of the selected abstracts, who wish to compete for awards, **MUST submit the full-length paper** on the online submission portal of ISHA (Please visit: www.ishaindia.org.in). If the authors do not wish to submit the full-length paper, they will still be entitled to presentation (but not for awards). Decisions of the scientific committee regarding acceptance, rejection, presentation mode, and awards will be final and binding.

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: <https://journals.lww.com/INSH/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>.
2. Only the **article files** comprising the title of the study and a full-length paper with bibliography should be submitted. **DO NOT MENTION THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHORS' NAMES, INSTITUTE NAME, AND ADDRESS (or any other identifying information) IN THE ARTICLE FILE.**
3. Avoid the use of bullets in your article file.
4. Ensure that the combined file size does not exceed 1 MB.

Submission:

1. The article files must be submitted to the submission portal of ISHA.
2. **DO NOT SUBMIT your article files to the JISHA Portal.**

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Abstracts:

All abstracts will be reviewed by more than one reviewer. The outcome of this review process would be a recommendation to '**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 and AI index $\leq 25\%$ would be reviewed by more than one reviewer (and thus be eligible for possible awards) on the following aspects:



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- The adherence to the preparation guidelines
- 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)
- The research/clinical impact of the study and
- The onsite evaluation

Reviewers must declare any potential conflict of interest (e.g., same institution, close collaboration, or personal relationship with any of the authors) before reviewing an abstract or full-length paper. In such cases, the paper will be reassigned to another reviewer.

Reviewers have the right to decline a review request if they are unable to adhere to the specified timelines. Any such refusal should be communicated to the scientific committee within three days of receipt of the paper so that an alternative reviewer can be appointed without delay.

For any further clarifications/queries, kindly write to us at chair.events@ishaindia.org.in

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