

5th SPINE Doctoral Student Research Day

Abstract Preparation & Submission Guidelines

Deadline: 15.09.2019

Please read these instructions carefully before preparing and submitting your abstract.

Abstract preparation guidelines

- To attend the 5th SPINE Doctoral Student Research Day, all PhD students in Nursing Science affiliated with the University of Lausanne and the University of Basel, Switzerland **are expected to submit one abstract**.
- Abstracts should be related to the student's PhD project.
- Abstracts from all types of research designs can be submitted (e.g., literature review, meta-analysis, observational, focus groups, experimental, etc.)
- PhD students can submit the following types of abstracts:
 - **Type I – Overview of the overall PhD project**
 - **Type II – Study in progress:** an abstract from a study that is currently in progress and for which no or only preliminary results are available.
 - **Type III - Completed study:** an abstract from your PhD project for which final results are available.
- The **Type of abstract** submitted should be indicated (e.g. Type I-III)
- The **Title** of the abstract must be informative and include no more than 150 characters with spaces.
- Include **all authors' names and affiliations** and the **e-mail address** for the presenting/contact author.
- Abstracts should be **no more than 300 words**, excluding title, authors' names and affiliations.
- Abstracts must be **written in English only**.
- Abstracts should be **structured according to the following format:**
 - **Background** (all abstracts)
 - **Objectives** (all abstracts)
 - **Methods** (all abstracts)
 - **Current state of the PhD project** (Type I abstracts) OR **Preliminary Results** (Type II abstracts) OR **Results** (Type III abstracts)
 - **Conclusions** (Including Significance and Expected Impact) (all abstracts)
- **No Abbreviations, except** widely used ones like "e.g." or "WHO" are permitted.

Abstract submission and acceptance guidelines

- **Please read through your abstract carefully** before submitting. You will not be able to edit your abstract after submission.
- The deadline for abstract submission is **15.09.2019**. Abstracts should be submitted here: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=spinedrd2019>
- The Scientific Committee of the SPINE Doctoral Student Research Day designates papers as either oral or **e-Poster presentations**.
- Four abstracts will be chosen for oral presentations (two for each institute). Timeframe will be 10min (10min presentation, 5 min questions and answers).
- Abstracts not accepted for presentation are designated for **e-Poster presentation**. No paper poster will be printed, you will have to **prepare a minutes oral presentation** in front of your e-Poster, with a maximum of **4 slides** including the title' slide. The structure should be as follows: 1. Title Slide, 2. Background and/or method, 3. Method and/or Results, 4. Results and Discussion.
- Abstracts which have not been prepared according to the aforementioned instructions or not in-time will be rejected.
- **If you experience problems in preparing or submitting** the abstract, please contact the SPINE Doctoral Research Day Scientific Committee at the following e-mail address: cornelia.kern@unibas.ch. Please indicate 'SPINE Abstract Question' as the title of your e-mail.