

AO VET Symposium–Bridging The Gap: Translating Clinical Research to Clinical Practice

AO VET is calling for abstracts for the "**AO VET Symposium–Bridging The Gap: Translating Clinical Research to Clinical Practice**" to be held in December, 2024. This is your opportunity to display your clinical research to a wide audience of specialists, residents, and practitioners from the AO VET community. We are looking for clinically relevant research in all fields of veterinary orthopedics to be presented over to an exciting virtual symposium.

If your abstract is selected for presentation, you will be given the opportunity to prepare a 10-minute video to exhibit your research and serve as a basis for an in-depth discussion by a panel of AO VET experts.

General instructions for abstract preparation

The deadline for abstract submission is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - 23:59 CET**. Abstracts will not be accepted after this deadline.

- All abstracts should be designated as a "clinically relevant piece of research".
- Abstracts must be original research and submitted by the presenting author. Review articles will not be accepted.
- The abstract may have been presented at / published in the proceedings of other meetings prior to this event but has not been published in a journal.

Guidelines on welfare and ethics

Authors must certify that all relevant legal and ethical requirements have been met with regards to the humane treatment of animals described in the study. Where required, the author must specify in the Materials and Methods the ethical review committee approval process and the international, national, and/or institutional guidelines followed. For studies using client owned animals, the methods must demonstrate a high standard (best practice) of veterinary care and include informed client consent.

Important dates

Description	Date
Abstract submission	September 3, 2024 - 23:59 CET
Notification email to applicants	Beginning of October 2024
Virtual symposium	December 2024* (exact date to be announced)

* The event is scheduled to take place during the AO Davos Courses, December 7 -14, 2024. Exact date to be announced.

Abstract guidelines

Please read the following instructions carefully before completing the online submission; failure to comply may eliminate your paper from the evaluation process.

- Download the abstract **template word file** for your written abstract section under “Download Area”.
- Written abstracts should be submitted as a word file (.doc / .docx). **The abstract must not exceed a maximum of 1,500 words including title, tables, picture legends, graphs and references.** (*The abstracts will be used for review purposes only and will not be published*).
- Each submission **must** be accompanied by a **three-minute** video file (.mp4 / .mov / .avi) explaining the clinical relevance of the research. This does not need to discuss the research methodology in detail.

Applicants are asked to submit a research abstract with the following headings:

- **Title:** The title of the abstract should be brief and accurately reflect the content of the abstract. Abbreviations should not be used.
- **Reasons for performing the study:** What is the gap in knowledge that you aim to address in this study?
- **Hypothesis/Objective(s):** Clearly state the study objective(s) and the hypothesis (if applicable).
- **Methods:** Briefly describe the methodology of research or technique used in your study. Statistical methods used for data analysis, if applicable, should also be included.

- **Results:** Briefly describe the key results of this study.
- **Discussion:** Include a brief interpretation of the results and how the hypotheses/objectives have been addressed.
- **Study Limitations:** All studies have limitations. Briefly, outline some of the key limitations of the study.
- **Conclusion:** What conclusions can you draw from the data generated from this study?
- **Scientific or Clinical Relevance:** How might this study change elements of practice in veterinary orthopaedics?
- **References:** Only relevant references should be included, and they will count towards the total word count.
- **Graphics:** Please combine all figures, photos, and graphs in a separate, single PDF (.pdf) in the order they are referenced in the text and label accordingly.

Each abstract will be blindly reviewed by an international panel and the successful applicants will be notified.

Abstract submission instructions

1. Login with your registered email address and password (Note: if you are not an AO registered user already, you will need to create an account)
[AO VET symposium \(knack.com\)](http://knack.com)
2. Once you enter the homepage, click on the top bar "Abstract instruction guidelines". Carefully read the abstract guidelines.
3. Download the abstract template word file for your written abstract section under "Download Area".
4. Complement your abstract by including a 3-minute video explaining the clinical relevance of your research. For guidance, watch a demonstration video here.
5. To submit your application, click on "Abstract Submission" on the top bar. Enter your abstract title and upload your submission with relevant files, then click submit button.

Please follow the instructions carefully! Thank you.