

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, 2023. 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 September 24, 2023. 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
Call for abstract opens	August 3, 2023
Call for abstract closes	September 24, 2023
Notification email to successful applicants	October 27, 2023
Virtual symposium	December, 2023

Abstract guidelines

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

- 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title, tables, picture legends, graphs and references.** (*The abstracts will be used for review purposes only and will not be published*).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 by October 27, 2023.

Abstract submission method

To submit your abstract:

- Carefully review the abstract submission template and the guidelines.
- Fill in the abstract submission template and send attached to Tania Bosque at ao.npr@aofoundation.org by September 24, 2023.
- Complement your abstract by including a 3-minute video explaining the clinical relevance of your research. For guidance, watch a demonstration video [here](#).

Please follow the instructions carefully! Thank you.