

Guidance for **theme focused** abstract submission

Under Forum XIV a new category of abstract submissions was created, specifically aiming to “Make a difference beyond the Forum”. We wish to continue this initiative and invite participants to submit abstracts focusing on conceptual, theoretical, methodological, thought-provoking, dangerous or innovative ideas related to how our research can really make an impact. These abstracts do not need to report empirical research findings. **They will be presented exclusively during the Speakers’ corner sessions.**

These abstracts will be judged on the:

- Significance: the importance of the idea or proposal
- Creativity/Originality/Innovation: the degree to which the idea or proposal represents a novel or creative approach that could increase the impact of research into neck and back pain
- Impact: the potential impact of the idea beyond the Forum
- Clarity of writing: the quality of the written description as presented by the abstract itself

We welcome submissions from all attendees for this call from PhD students to Professors.

The more creative, original and innovative, the better!

Specific requirements:

Please explain your idea, why it is innovative and what its potential impact beyond the forum.

The abstract must include the following separate sections:

1. Title and authors, including workplace/affiliation(s)

The title should be precise and limited to a maximum of 20 words. On the second line, write authors name, job site name, country, e-mail address. The name of the person to present the idea should be underlined. If there are authors from different working places, use superscript numbers after name and workplace.

2. The abstract written in a continuous text under the following sub-headings:

- Background: the context and purpose of your idea
- Idea or proposal: explain your idea
- Potential impact: the potential impact of your idea, beyond the forum

Layout

The abstract must be written in English and not exceed 300 words. Use normal text. Please do not cite references in the abstract and minimize the use of abbreviations, abbreviations must be written in full text at the first appearance. Use the SI system of units. Abstracts submitted after the deadline or abstracts not meeting these guidelines will not be considered.