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Call for Abstracts

*10th International conference of
Sri Lankan British School of Pathology
ICON 2026 – Gastrointestinal Pathology*
*Jointly organized by the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka with the
British Division of the International Academy of Pathology (BDIAP)*
&
International Study Group of GI Pathology (ISGGIP)

The **College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka** proudly invites submissions for the upcoming **International Conference (ICON 2026 – Gastrointestinal Pathology)**, an important landmark academic event focusing on topics related to gastrointestinal pathology. This is an exceptional opportunity to showcase your research, share knowledge, and contribute to advancements in the field.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Key Dates:

Abstract Submission Opens : 15th February 2026
Submission Deadline : 15th July 2026

Eligible Abstract Categories:

We welcome abstracts based on:

- **Research studies**
- **Audits**
- **Case reports / Case series**

Submissions should be relevant to **Histopathology, Cytopathology, or other pathology-related disciplines.**





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Abstract Preparation Guidelines

General Formatting Requirements:

- **Language:** English
- **File Format:** MS Word
- **Paper Size:** A4, Margins – 2.54cm (normal) , Header 1.25cm
- **Word Limit:** Maximum **250 words** (excluding headings and subheadings).
- **Figures, tables, and references** should **not** be included in the abstract.
- **British Spelling** must be used throughout.
- **Abbreviations** should be written in full at first mention (except for standard abbreviations).
- **Non-English and Technical Terms** should be **italicized**.
- **Units:** Use **International System of Units (SI)** with a space between the figure and the unit (e.g., 25 cm).

Abstract structure and specific formatting requirements

Spacing : Single spacing throughout. No space between paragraphs of same style.
Space between email of corresponding author and the start of abstract content.

Abstract title: Should be **concise** yet reflective of the scientific content.
The Editorial Committee reserves the right to modify the title if necessary.
Times New Roman, Bold, Font size 12, sentence case

Author names: Times New Roman, Regular, Font size 10
Initials followed by full stop, affiliation indicated by superscript, presenting author is underlined. Do not include prefixes - (e.g., Mr., Dr., Professor).
Corresponding author - indicated with an Asterix e.g.
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Affiliations : Times New Roman, Italics, Font size 10, preceded by number superscript to indicate affiliation if required.
Include the following information in the affiliation - department, institute, country
Do not include author's designation

Email address of corresponding author: Times New Roman, Regular, Font size 10

Abstract : Times New Roman, Regular, Font size 10
Subheadings – Bold, followed by **colon**





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For Research Papers and Audits

Introduction and objectives:

Methodology: (design, setting, methods, statistical methods, where applicable)

Results:

Discussion and conclusion:

Keywords:

For Case Reports/Case Series

Introduction:

Case report:

Discussion and conclusion:

Keywords:

Abstract Submission Process

Submission Deadline: 15th July 2026, 12 mid night Sri Lankan time

Abstracts must be submitted **via the e-portal** on or before the deadline.

Required documents for submission:

1. Abstract with **author names and affiliations**
2. Abstract **without author names and affiliations**

E-portal submission link: <http://collegeofpathologists.com/Abstract-Submission/>

If submitting multiple abstracts, **each should be submitted separately.**

Late submissions, abstracts exceeding the word count, abstracts submitted in incorrect formats, or via alternative methods (email, hard copy) will NOT be accepted.

Abstract Review & Selection Process

- Abstracts that do not adhere to the guidelines will be **rejected without review.**
- Conforming abstracts will undergo **anonymous peer review.**
- All correspondence regarding **revisions and acceptance** will be directed to the **corresponding author** via email.
- The **Scientific Committee** reserves the right to **edit and standardize abstracts.**





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Conference Registration Requirement

Accepted abstracts will be included in the **conference proceedings book** only if the **presenting author registers** for the conference on or before 15th October 2026.

Ethical Considerations

- ✓ **Authors bear full responsibility** for the content and ethical considerations of their work.
- ✓ If the work has been previously **presented**, it **must** be disclosed in the abstract submission form (**this does not disqualify for abstract submission**). However **previously published** abstracts as a **full paper**, will not be considered for this submission.
- ✓ **Ethical clearance details**: Research requiring ethical approval must include the **granting agency and approval number**.
- ✓ **Clinical trials** must provide **clinical registry details**.
- ✓ The **Editorial Committee** reserves the right to reject abstracts that do not meet ethical standards.

For Further Information

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