

# SepsEast 2026

6th Conference of the  
Central-Eastern European  
Sepsis Forum

## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES





# INTRODUCTION

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Please read the following important information carefully before you submit an abstract. Non-adherence to these submission guidelines may result in rejection.

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# ABSTRACT CALENDAR

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **01 July 2026**

*Online abstract submission opens.*

*Early abstract submission is strongly encouraged in order to avoid any last-minute rush.*

### **15 September 2026**

*Abstract submission closes.*

*Any abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.*

### **30 September 2026**

*Date of feedback on acceptance.*

### **13 November 2026**

*On-site submission / upload of ePosters*

# SUBMISSION CONDITIONS

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1. SepsEast welcomes free paper presentations on our Poster sessions. These can be on **any topics related to critical care**, including:
  - case reports/case series
  - retrospective studies
  - prospective studies
2. Poster presentations shall be unbiased and based on the best available evidence. All elements of the presentation must be free from the control of commercial interests and any potential conflict of interest clearly disclosed.
3. If Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools have been used, at any point, in the process of the research or the writing of the abstract, it must be clearly disclosed in the abstract text. Moreover, all authors accept that they are exclusively responsible for the accuracy of the information provided in the abstract.
4. **Presenters of accepted abstracts must register for the conference** (no virtual presentation is possible).
5. If a presenter fails to register, the abstract(s) will be removed from all conference-related publications and will be rejected for presentation at SepsEast 2026 Conference.

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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1. All abstracts must be submitted online through the dedicated [submission platform](#).
2. All abstracts must be written in **English**.
3. Use a **standard font**, like Arial, when formatting your text. This helps prevent special characters from getting lost.
4. An informative abstract of **no more than 300 words** should state concisely the purpose and appropriate methods of the study as well as the findings and conclusions.
5. The **complete title** of the submitted work, **names, and affiliations of all authors** (do not list degrees) and **email address for correspondence** must be included. **A running head of not more than 45 characters is encouraged.**
6. Author names and affiliations are not counted towards the characters limit.
7. The structure of the submitted work should **follow the usual structure of abstracts**.
  - Introduction
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusion
  - References – if relevant to the topic (example: 1. Smith T, et al. Journal, 2026)

# REVIEW AND SCHEDULING

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1. All submitted abstracts will go through a **blind peer-review process** carried out by international reviewers selected by the Scientific Committee. Each abstract will be evaluated by two reviewers.
2. **Duplicate abstracts will automatically be rejected.**
3. Notification of **acceptance or rejection will be sent by 30 September 2026. Only the presenting author will receive abstract-related communications** and is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of the abstract.
4. Schedules will be sent out in October 2026.
5. If an individual submits multiple abstracts and more than one abstract is accepted for presentation, the Scientific Committee will attempt to schedule the presentations to prevent time conflicts for the presenter.
6. If a **time conflict occurs, the original abstract presenter will be responsible for selecting a co-author** to present the abstract. The new presenter **must also be registered** for the conference.

# CORRECTIONS AND WITHDRAWAL

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1. It is still **possible to make corrections on the abstract** after submission, but only prior to the submission deadline.
2. **No changes / edits** will be possible **after the submission deadline** (15 September 2026).
3. In case of errors discovered after the deadline, the abstract can either be withdrawn or - for minor errors – corrections may be indicated during the presentation at the conference. However, changes will not be included in the published version of the abstract.
4. If a submitted abstract must be withdrawn, **a written withdrawal request must be submitted** to Scientific Committee ([office@sepseast.com](mailto:office@sepseast.com)) by e-mail originating from the presenter's e-mail address.
5. **Withdrawal request must include:**
  - Abstract submission number and title;
  - Presenter's contact details;
  - Reason(s) for withdrawal of the abstract;
  - Agreement of all the authors that the abstract must be withdrawn.

# PRESENTATION (ePosters)

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1. The ePoster must be submitted no later than 1 hour before the start of the poster session.
2. Abstract presenters will be required to make a **formal presentation in front of the ePoster terminal. All presentations will take place onsite.**
3. You will have **5 minutes to present** your ePoster.
4. Two chairpersons will conduct a short (2 minutes) discussion of each ePoster with the presenter and the audience.
5. The ePosters will be shown on ePoster stations and need to be prepared as per the following requirements:
  - Number of pages: 1
  - File format: PPT, PPTX or PDF
  - Poster ratio: 16:9
  - Orientation: portrait
  - Size: 19.1 cm width x 33.9 height
6. To ensure your ePoster displays correctly, please [download](#) and use our official template provided for the event. This template is designed for digital screen presentation and help optimize text, formatting, and layout for clear readability and a consistent viewing experience.

# PUBLICATION

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We plan to publish all accepted abstract presented at SepsEast 2026 as an e-supplement in Shock (ISSN: 1540-0514), the official journal of the Shock Society.

The publication of the accepted abstracts are dependent on the timely submission and registration of the presenter.

Therefore, please pay attention to the deadlines!

We will inform you about the publication process at a later stage.

# JUNIOR INTENSIVIST AWARD

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We highly **encourage and recommend junior intensivists to submit their work** for review, and if accepted, for presentation, since the **best abstracts** submitted will be selected by the SepsEast 2026 Scientific Committee for the **Junior Intensivist Award**.

# SepsEast

**Bringing East and West  
together to advance  
the management of  
sepsis and the critically  
ill across Central and  
Eastern Europe.**



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