20th Conference of the International Society of Travel Medicine
Call for Abstracts and Submission Guidelines

Abstract submissions opens: 13 July 2026
Abstract submission closes: 31 October 2026

To submit your abstract, please CLICK HERE to access the submission portal. For questions regarding your abstract submission, please contact Missy Zagroba at mzagroba@istm.org. This year's abstract submissions will be managed through Cadmium. If you are a new user, select "Join Now" and complete the requested information. If you previously submitted a session proposal through this system, enter your email and password to log in — try your email address first to see if you're already in the system before creating a new account.

Call for Abstracts

CISTM20 invites you to submit an abstract for poster, oral, or rapid-fire presentations under the following categories:

Air Travel - *jet lag, anxiety, injuries*	**Arthropod-borne Disease -** *dengue, Chikungunya, Zika, rickettsioses, Japanese encephalitis*
Animal/Arthropod - *envenomation, bites, injuries, insect bite avoidance*	**Destination -** *Africa, Asia, America, Europe, Oceania*
Education - *advice, counseling, training*	**Epidemiology -** *risk estimations, morbidity, mortality*
Global Health	**Malaria -** *chemoprophylaxis*
Migrants and Migrations	**Military**
Non-communicable Diseases - *pulmonary embolism, injuries, trauma, accidents, security, mental health, disaster, drugs*	**Other Infectious Diseases**
Perspectives - *environmental changes, impact on host country, climate change, sustainable travel, responsible travel, pollution, human trafficking*	**Technology -** *AI, mobile health*
Travelers' Diarrhea	**Travelers with Special Activities -** *eco-tourism, cruise ship, mass gatherings, medical tourism, medical relief, humanitarian, occupational, students*
Travelers with Special Needs - *pregnancy, pediatrics, elderly, immunosuppressed, students, business, expatriates, comorbidities*	**Vaccines & Vaccinations**
Wilderness and Expedition Medicine - *altitude, diving, and wilderness topics*	

Presentation Formats

Poster Presentation

Poster presentations follow a standard display format, with presenters available during dedicated poster viewing sessions to discuss their work directly with attendees. There are no formal poster tours; instead, presenters stand by their posters during scheduled viewing times to engage in one-on-one conversations about their research.

Oral Presentation (Free Communications)

Oral presentations are formal, platform-style talks delivered to a seated audience and take place during concurrent sessions. Presenters have 12 minutes to present their research, followed by 3 minutes of Q&A. There is no slide limit for this format. Oral sessions are best suited for studies with broad relevance or significant findings that merit in-depth discussion with the full audience.

Rapid Fire Session (NEW)

Rapid Fire presentations are short, focused talks—3 minutes presentation plus 2 minutes Q&A—delivered in quick succession as part of a themed session. Presenters are limited to maximum two and will present to a seated audience. Rapid Fire sessions are held at lunchtime, and this format has replaced traditional poster tours, offering a concise, high-energy way to share key findings with a large audience. Two Rapid Fire sessions are planned, each featuring approximately 8 presentations over 40 minutes.

Summary of Abstract Submission Guidelines

Please follow the submission guidelines closely:

- Abstracts can only be submitted online via the Cadmium submission site
- List authors – Given/first name(s) and the Family/last name(s).
- Use short and concise title. Capitalize the first letter of each word except prepositions, articles and species names.
- The abstract itself must contain no more than 250 words.
- You will be asked to provide the following:
    - Background of the study
    - Objective
    - Method(s)
    - Summary of results in sufficient detail to support the conclusions.
    - Conclusion(s) reached (it is not satisfactory to state “The results will be discussed”).
- Tables, graphs, figures are **NOT** to be included.
- All specific or unusual abbreviations must be defined in parentheses after the first instance of the rd for which they stand.
- No commercial names can be used, only generic.
- Select one of the main topics from the category list in the submission system.
- Incorrectly prepared abstracts will not be considered for presentation.
- Only abstracts written in English will be accepted.
- Duplicate abstracts are not allowed. Submitted abstracts that contain similar or duplicate information from the same authors and institution will be disqualified.
- Always check the preview function before submission and edit or replace as necessary. It is the author’s responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.

Please note: Abstract authors will be asked to confirm and disclose:

- abstract of study has not yet been published at the time of submission
- whether human subject's approval was required by their institution for the research
- that you previewed the abstract and that all information is correct and accept that the content of this abstract cannot be modified or corrected after final submission and that it will be published exactly as submitted
- the author(s) own the copyright to all information in the abstract or have secured any needed copyrights and understand that submission of the abstract constitutes consent to publication (e.g. Congress website, program, other promotions, etc.).
- there are no potential conflicts of interest for any of the authors unless indicated below. If applicable, you must list any financial interests, assistance, or relationships with companies, supporters, or commercial products that are related to the content of the abstract (e.g. research support, grants, sponsors, stockholder, etc.).
- that the contact details saved in this system are those of the corresponding author, who will be notified about the status of the abstract. The corresponding author is responsible for informing the other authors about the status of the abstract.

Important Dates

31 October 2026: Abstract Submission Deadline

February 2027: Notice of acceptance status to authors

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will receive instructions for the presentation of their abstract.

7 March 2027: Deadline for author Congress registration

Please note that authors must have registered to attend the CISTM20 by this date to be included in the program to present their abstract.