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Call for Abstract Submissions

Please ensure that you have read the submission guidelines prior to making your submission. To submit an abstract, please visit the [online submission portal](#). You will be required to set up an account and provide basic contact details in order to use the submission portal. Ensuring you complete all fields, the instructions in the system will guide you through the process.

Timelines

- 1 September 2022 - Online submission portal opens
- 24 April 2023 10am - Submission deadline
- w/c 29 May 2023 - Notification of submission outcomes
- 12 July 2023 – Speaker registration deadline

Abstract Themes

EAFP invites abstracts for presentation in the following themes:

Aquatic animal epidemiology	Gill Disease (AGD & CGD)
Aquatic animal welfare	Host-parasite interactions
Bacterial diseases	Immunostimulants, prebiotics and probiotics
Bivalve and crustacean diseases	Innovation in disease control
Case reports	Microbiomes in relation to fish pathology / health
Cleaner fish diseases	Mucosal Health
Climate change and diseases	Myxozoa
Diagnostics	Nutrition and fish health
Diseases of public concern	Parasitic diseases
Diseases of uncertain aetiology	Prophylaxis and treatment
Diseases of wild and ornamental fish	Salmonid viral diseases
Emerging pathogens	Sea lice
Environmental and toxicological diseases	Vaccines
Fish and shellfish immunology (including vaccines and vaccination)	Viruses and viral diseases
Genomic approach related to fish pathology	Other

If you would like to submit an abstract for a new topic / idea that does not fit into the listed themes. Please submit these under the theme Other

The deadline for abstract submissions is **10:00 BST on Monday 24 April 2023**. No abstracts submitted after this deadline will be considered.

Presentation Formats Available

- Oral Presentations - Allocated 15 minutes in the programme, we suggest a 12 minute presentation and 3 minutes for Q & A
- Poster Presentation - your poster will be displayed with others and the times you will be available to discuss your work with delegates will be published in the programme

Abstract Format

- **Abstract Title** - The title should clearly identify the contents of the abstract. Please enter your abstract title in sentence case, i.e. capitalise only the first letter of the title and then any proper names or acronyms. Scientific names should be italicised. A maximum of 20 words is permitted.
- **Abstract Text** - Your abstract should be divided into: Introduction, Methodology, Results and Conclusions. This is important for the review process. A maximum of 350 words is permitted.
- **Language** - Authors should ensure that the abstract is written in acceptable, standard English. Authors whose native language is not English are urged to have an English-speaking colleague review the paper before sending it.

Assessment process

- All submitted contributions will be peer-reviewed by an expert panel.
- Different oral sessions will be arranged based on the scientific quality of the contributions, the number of papers submitted on each topic.
- Those abstracts not selected for oral presentation may be offered to revert to poster presentation and would then be placed in a suitable poster session.
- Notification of the outcome will be w/c 29 May 2023
- All presenting authors must register and pay to attend the Conference. Acceptance of abstracts, oral and poster presentations, into the programme is dependent upon receipt of registration.

Creating your submission

In order to use the [online submission portal](#), you will need to click the button 'Create New Account' to set up a user profile for EAFP 2023 so that you can access the abstract submission and registration portals and return to make edits. Click the tab 'Contact Information' and then 'create contact'

Please ensure you complete all submission fields.

- **Title** - Please enter the full title of your submission. The title of the paper should be presented all capital letters and has a maximum word count of 20 words.
- **Presentation Type** - Please choose your preferred means of presentation.
- **Programme Theme** - Please choose the relevant programme theme.
- **Authors and Affiliations** - You **MUST** enter the names of ALL authors here - including yourself if you are an author - in the order in which you wish them to appear in printed text. Names omitted here will **NOT** be printed in the final program.
- **Abstract** - Abstracts for all submissions are limited to a maximum 350 words (excluding title, authors and affiliations). Abstracts must be submitted as plain text.
- **Permission to Publish** - Check this box to give us permission to publish your submission on electronic media and in hardcopy if it is accepted for presentation.
- **Permission to share with the Media** - Check this box to give us permission to forward this abstract to relevant media outlets (newspaper/radio/TV) if EAFP deems there may be wider interest in the work.
- **Conflict** - You must declare if there are any conflicts of interest with regard to your submission.
- **Conflict Details** - If any conflict of interest exist you must give details.
- **Terms and Conditions** – You must agree to the terms and conditions in order to submit your abstract.

You can save your submission at any time by clicking 'save as draft', please only click 'submit' once you are happy with your final abstract. Once you click 'submit' you are no longer able to edit your submission. Please contact eafp@kc-jones.co.uk if you need to amend your abstract after you have submitted it.

Any submissions with a 'draft' status cannot be reviewed and will not be considered for EAFP 2023 so please ensure you click 'submit' by **10:00 BST on Monday 24 April 2023**.

Terms and Conditions

You must agree to the terms and conditions of the submission, this includes;

- You agree to the Association sharing your contact email address (as appropriate) with staff and selected volunteers from the Association's membership who are involved in organising the conference and associated media opportunities. Your details will not be shared with journalists or other outside bodies without your approval.
- You confirm that at least one author will register in full to attend and present the paper at the Conference.
- You confirm that this submission has been approved by all authors.
- You give us permission to print your submission in electronic and in hardcopy format if it is accepted for presentation.
- I confirm that the research reported has been granted ethical approval by the institutional Ethics Committee / Institutional Review Board in the institution in which the work was conducted. All procedures meet with legal requirements in the country in which the work was conducted.

Key contact for submission queries

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