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GUIDELINES FOR FREE PAPER

- Each member can submit a total of TWO abstracts under free paper as a Presenting Author
- The free paper should include original, unpublished studies and can be submitted under any one of the following categories:
 - Cataract
 - Cornea
 - Refractive Surgery
 - Glaucoma
 - Paediatric Ophthalmology and strabismus
 - Vitreo-Retinal Diseases
 - Comprehensive Ophthalmology
 - Orbit & Oculoplasty
 - Neuro-Ophthalmology
 - Uvea
- The abstract should be submitted through the conference website portal.
- The title SHOULD NOT exceed 100 characters (including spaces)
- Synopsis: The synopsis SHOULD NOT exceed 1000 characters (including spaces).

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- The presenting author must be enrolled as a Life Member of the TNOA on (or) before May 31st, 2025 and register for the conference before May 15th, 2025, for final approval for presentation in the conference
- Co-authors: A maximum of two co-authors can be added.
- Institution/hospital affiliation and doctor's name should NOT be mentioned in the title or abstract. Any form of violation of rules or non-compliance will lead to automatic rejection/ immediate disqualification of entry.
- A declaration that this paper has not been presented in any conference or journal earlier in any other form (as a paper/poster/video) should be given by the participant.
- Violation of the above rule, if proven, will attract immediate disqualification of the entry.
- Presenting Authors of Free Papers that are selected and not eligible for Best Paper awards will be given the option to either present the paper on a poster podium (or) convert it to an E-poster presentation. They should confirm their decision and inform the scientific committee through email within 7 days of announcing the results.
- The free Paper presentation duration is only 5 minutes (**5 min presentation + 2 min discussion**). Use the first slide to show the title of the Paper and the author's information, including name and affiliation. All slides should have a slide number which must appear on the bottom right side corner.

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- Fonts should be no smaller than 18 points, and preferred fonts include Arial, Calibri, Verdana, Tahoma and Trebuchet MS.
- Maximum of 120 words on each slide.
- The slide should be prepared in Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 & above version only.
- All Best Papers entries selected in each competitive session will qualify for the "TNOA Prof. C. P. GUPTA AWARD SESSION" on the final day
- The change of presenting author name is to be requested only once, and the last date will be June 15th, 2025.

TNOA ENDOWMENT AWARDS FOR FREE PAPER

- TNOA Dr M. N Award for the Best Free Paper in Cataract
- TNOA Dr V S. K. Sundaramoorthy Award for best free paper in Refractive Surgery
- TNOA Dr. V. Velayutham Award for the Best Free Paper in Glaucoma
- TNOA Dr. K. Selvakumari Award for the Best Free Paper in Neuro-Ophthalmology
- TNOA TOPS Award for the Best Free Paper in Retina
- Dr. V. Siddharthan Award for the Best Paper in Cornea
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- The same person may be considered for the award in the subsequent years, too, even if he/she has won the award earlier, provided a different paper is presented subsequently.
- The 2 Judges shall be nominated by The President of TNOA, The President-Elect of TNOA and a representative of the endowment committee.

TNOA Prof. C. P. Gupta Best Paper Award

- The Best Paper will be awarded for the presentation in the Best of the Best Session, hereinafter called "THE C. P. GUPTA AWARD SESSION", on the final day.
- Papers will be judged according to Content, Presentation, Scientific value, Slides & Originality.

The Judges shall be

1. The President of TNOA (or) his / her Nominee.
2. The Immediate Past President of TNOA (or) his / her Nominee.
3. The Director, RIO GOH (or) his / her Nominee.



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BEST PAPERS: PRIORITY FOR FIRST PUBLICATION IN TNOA JOURNAL

- All BEST PAPERS selected from each session should be submitted to the TNOA Journal of Ophthalmic Science and Research (TNOA-JOSR) as the first priority for potential publication
- Publication of the article/study will be decided by The Editor, TNOA-JOSR, and this will be intimated to the authors within 6 months after submission. The authors can submit the selected BEST PAPERS to other journals only if rejected by TNOA Journal.
- NOTE: If the authors have already submitted it elsewhere for consideration for publication, they must declare the same at the time of proposal submission. If selected, the paper can be presented but will not be considered for the "Best Paper of the Session award."

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