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AUGUST 1ST TO 3RD 2025

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CHERRYEYECON 2025 - ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTION COURSE (IC)

- The total duration of Instruction Course is **55 minutes**. There will be a 5-minutes change over time between sessions.
- The chief instructor must ensure that the session finishes exactly on time & does not spill over to the change over time / next session.
- Instruction Courses dealing with clinical sciences should deliver relevant, current and evidence-based information
- Courses with formats utilizing innovative teaching styles are particularly encouraged and preferred. Interactive dialogues and panel discussions are educational methods that stimulate additional interest and promote learning.
- An Instruction Course can have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 co-instructors along with one chief instructor. Other coordinators can be included in the Hands-on session.
- The Chief Instructor **MUST** be a Life member of TNOA and can submit ONE Instruction Course proposal only as Chief Instructor.
- All Co-instructors must be TNOA members and can participate as co-instructors in a maximum of TWO Instruction Courses only.
- If the chosen co-instructor withdraws from the Instruction Course, the Chief instructor is responsible for finding an alternate co-instructor **WITHIN 7 DAYS** from the date of announcement of the selected Instruction Course.
- The Chief instructor should communicate the Full Name, TNMC Registration Number, TNOA Membership Number, Mobile Number and Email ID of the alternate co-instructor to scchair2025@gmail.com with copy marked to support@tnoa.info

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- If the Chief instructor cannot find an appropriate alternate co-instructor, he/she can allocate the topic to self or a co-instructor already part of the Instruction Course.
- The Chief Instructor of ICs should submit the following details through the conference website portal.

Course Title: The course title SHOULD NOT exceed 100 characters (including spaces). Course Outline (Synopsis): IC Synopsis SHOULD NOT exceed 1000 characters (including spaces). Fill in the co-instructors names, topics and time allotted for each topic in the separate box given. These details SHOULD NOT be mentioned in the synopsis of the course. The topics SHOULD NOT exceed 100 characters (including spaces).

- If selected, the submitted format of the Instruction Course must be strictly adhered to without any change in topics/timings/speakers.
- Note: Instruction Courses submitted without co-instructor consent will be deemed incomplete and not be considered for evaluation.
- The instruction course will be approved for final presentation at the conference only if the instructor and all the co-instructors register for the conference before May 15th, 2025.

GUIDELINES FOR HANDS-ON INSTRUCTION COURSE (IC) AS A PART OF WETLAB/DRYLAB

The total duration of the Instruction Course is 60 minutes, followed by 60-minute workshops in the form of drylab or wetlab training on IC. The chief instructor and co-instructors will be responsible for the conduct of the workshop.

- There will be limited slots for the Hands-on IC, which will be preregistered and paid for by the delegates.
- Local organizing committee will help with the arrangements required for wetlab or drylab.

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Proposals for Instruction Courses are invited in the following TOPICS:

Refraction or contact lens fitting	Manual small incision cataract surgery
Corneal topography and collagen crosslinking	Advanced Phacoemulsification and IOLs
Squint evaluation, including Diplopia and Hess charting	Secondary IOL implantation
Lasers in Ophthalmology	Toric IOL implantation
Fundus evaluation/imaging techniques	Ocular Trauma
Intravitreal injections	Smartphones in Ophthalmology
Interpretation of OCT/ visual fields	Sterilisation techniques
Trabeculectomy and Glaucoma drainage devices	Practice Management
Keratoplasty	Miscellaneous

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

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- 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).
- 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

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author's information, including name and affiliation. All slides should have a slide number which must appear on the bottom right side corner.

- 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

- 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
- Only Members of TNOA are eligible to participate
- All Free Paper awards will be given to the Presenting Author only
- 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.

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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.

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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GUIDELINES FOR POSTER PODIUM/ E-POSTERS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Each member can submit a total of TWO abstracts under the poster category as a Presenting Author
- The Poster can be a case report or, case series, or original study and 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.
- Title: The Poster's title SHOULD NOT exceed 100 characters (including spaces).
- Synopsis: The Synopsis SHOULD NOT exceed 1000 characters (including spaces).
- 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.

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- A declaration that this poster has not been presented at 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.
- Eligible and selected posters will be called for a presentation under the poster podium and will qualify for the "TNOA Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association Best Poster Award".
- No change in the presenting author will be entertained after the selection of the abstract after June 15th
- Presentations selected for each sub-speciality session will be presented during the conference as a part of a separate session or between the symposiums, which will be intimated to the participants from the scientific committee.
- All other approved E-Posters can be viewed on appropriate digital platforms at the conference venue. A link to upload selected E-Posters will be made available.

TNOA Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association Best Poster Award

- Only TNOA members are eligible to participate.
- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Member of the TNOA on (or) before May 31st, 2025.
- A declaration that this poster has not been presented at 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.
- All poster awards will be given to the Presenting Author only

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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 poster is presented subsequently.
- Posters will be judged according to Content, Display, Scientific value, Creativity & 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. President of Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association (or) his / her Nominee.

PREPARATION FORMAT FOR E-POSTER/POSTER PODIUM

- The Poster is the electronic version of a traditional poster, displayed on digital screens using PowerPoint slides. They may include text, figures, tables and images but NOT videos or animations.
- The Poster should consist of a maximum of 12 Microsoft PowerPoint slides, including the title slide and offering information on the following topics:
 1. Introduction
 2. Methodology/Case details
 3. Discussion
 4. Conclusion
- Use the first slide to show the title of the Poster and the author's information, including name and affiliation.
- 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.

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- The slide size should be 16:9, and the page setup should be in Landscape orientation.
- The total file size must be less than 5 MB, else it will be rejected automatically.
- Ensure good picture quality images & tables – at least 600kb per image.
- Images, photos, graphics and tables should be inserted using the insert file option only, not by copy-paste from another application.
- Pictures, graphics and tables should be marked and labelled.
- The patient's name or identity is not to be revealed. Use cropped or masked images.
- Images should not obscure the text. Do not overcrowd the slide.
- Content should be clear, concise and written using correct spelling & grammar.
- Use clear headings and leave spaces in between sections.
- Use adequate colour and contrast for better visualization.
- Avoid overlapping objects and layers – only the final elements will be visible.
- Avoid using hyperlinks, as there will be no internet access during the presentation.
- If the slide is created on Mac, OSX kindly converts and sends it in a compatible format.
- Do not use symbols & special characters in file names when saving documents.
- All conflicts of interest or financial disclosures, if any, should be made known.
- Remember that simple posters are always more attractive and easier to read.

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GUIDELINES FOR VIDEO SUBMISSION

- A maximum of TWO video entries can be submitted per person
- The abstract should be submitted through the conference website portal
- The video title SHOULD NOT exceed 100 characters (including spaces).
- Synopsis: The Synopsis SHOULD NOT exceed 1000 characters (including spaces).
- A declaration that this video has not been presented earlier in any form (as a paper/ poster/ video) anywhere should be enclosed. Institution/hospital affiliation and doctor's name should NOT be mentioned in the title or abstract. Any form of non-compliance will lead to automatic rejection
- Videos are not required to be sent along with the abstract submission. Instead, the complete & final video should be sent separately after the abstract selection results.
- The videos can be sent to scchair2025@gmail.com with a copy marked to support@tnoa.info, either using www.dropbox.com or www.wetransfer.com or www.drive.google.com
- The videos should be submitted on or before March 15th, 2025 (until midnight), not exceeding **5 min**. The Video must be in MPEG4 format 720 or 1080p.
- The presenting author must register for the conference before May 15th, 2025, for final approval for presentation at the conference.
- Do NOT send the original video – No videos will be returned. Hence, send only a duplicate copy and keep the original video for your record.
- The presenting Author should confirm acknowledgement and receipt of the video submission from the scientific committee.
- Appropriate platforms will be arranged, where all the selected videos will be played for the benefit of the delegates throughout the duration of the

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conference. Details regarding the same will be intimated at the conference venue.

TNOA Capt. Subramaniam Best Video Award

- All Video awards will be given to the Presenting Author only.
- No change in presenting author will be allowed after the video has been submitted
- Videos selected for the award session will be screened during the TNOA Capt. Subramaniam Best Video Award session.
- Videos will be judged according to Content, Display, Scientific value, Creativity and 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. One representative from the donor/endowment committee.

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GUIDELINES FOR JUST A MINUTE (JAM)

- Each member can submit a total of TWO abstracts only under JAM as a Presenting Author
- The abstract should be submitted through the conference website portal.
- The title SHOULD NOT exceed 100 characters (including spaces), and a synopsis SHOULD NOT exceed 1000 characters (including spaces).
- Institution/hospital affiliation and doctor's name should NOT be mentioned in the title or abstract. Any form of non-compliance will lead to automatic rejection.
- The abstract 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
- If the Presenting Author is not a member or not enrolled as a Life Member of the TNOA on (or) before May 31st2024, the opportunity to present in the conference will be given to the next eligible member by the selection committee of each subspecialty.
- No change in the presenting author will be entertained after the selection of the abstract after June 15th

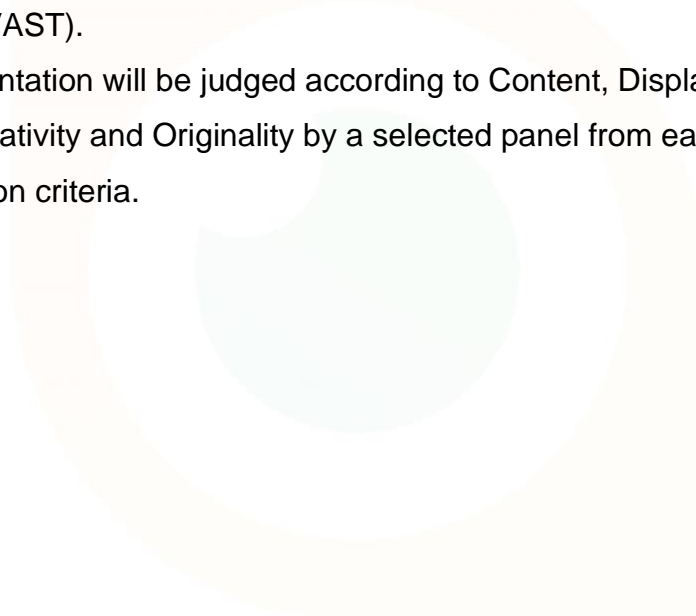
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- Appropriate platforms will be arranged, where all the selected abstracts will be presented during the conference, and a selected panel will discuss the presentation for **1 minute with an interesting learning pearl**.
- Presentations selected for each sub-speciality session will be presented during the conference as a part of a separate session or in between the symposiums, which will be intimated to the participants from the scientific committee.
- The presentation can be a video of a surgical procedure or a PowerPoint presentation of an interesting case discussion similar to video-assisted skill transfer (VAST).
- The presentation will be judged according to Content, Display, Scientific value, Creativity and Originality by a selected panel from each sub-specialty for selection criteria.



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TNOA Dr N.S. VENUGOPAL CENTENARY GOLD MEDAL FOR BEST POSTGRADUATE THESIS GUIDELINES

- The thesis abstract should be submitted through the conference website portal
- A selection committee will review and shortlist the submissions according to their content, originality, methods and scientific value.
- The shortlisted submissions will be eligible for a podium presentation, and the best thesis will be selected by a panel of judges for the award
- The thesis should be submitted only after the member has appeared for their final postgraduate examination as of January 1st of each conference year (All candidates who appeared for their examination in the years 2023 and 2024 will be eligible).
- Once the thesis is shortlisted, it should be presented during the conference, and the duration of the presentation is **5 minutes only (5 min presentation +2 min discussion)**
- The presenter must be a Life member of the TNOA on or before May 31st 2025, to be eligible for the award
- The Institution's name/ hospital affiliations where the thesis was done or the guides/candidates' names should not be mentioned anywhere in the abstract submission. Any form of non-compliance will lead to automatic rejection.
- Abstract title: The title should not exceed 100 characters (including spaces)
 - Synopsis 1000 characters (including spaces): The synopsis should briefly include Aims and Objectives, Methods, Results and Conclusions.

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TNOA PROF. E.T. SELVAM ENDOWMENT QUIZ GUIDELINES

- Prof. E.T. Selvam Endowment Quiz Award is given to the best team in the Ophthalmic Quiz, which is given annually and conducted during the annual TNOA conference.
- Postgraduate students of Ophthalmology studying in Institutions of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry are eligible to participate (ONE team per Institution only).
- Each team will consist of TWO members representing the Institution, who must be TNOA members or enrolled as Life Members on (or) before May 31st, 2025.
- Candidates should NOT have appeared for the final year theory exam as of July 31st, 2025
- The representing student's Name, Name of the Institute, TNOA life membership number, CHERRY EYE CON 25 registration number and email ID of the Team Head / Captain must be provided along with the entry submission.
- All registrations MUST be accompanied by a letter, duly signed by the Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, attesting to the bonafide of the representing students and stating that this is the only entry from that Institution for the Prof. E.T Selvam Quiz competition.
- **Note:** Multiple entries from an institution will automatically disqualify all entries from that Institution.
- No request for changes in any team or its members will be permitted after June 1st, 2025.
- All further details pertaining to the quiz will be emailed to the Team Head/Captain before the conference.

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- In case of any dispute or arbitration, the decision of the Chairman of the Scientific Committee will be final.
- For registration, send the names of the team representatives and Institution along with other details and a supporting letter (as an attachment) by email to support@tnoa.info with a CC copy marked to scchair2025@gmail.com on or before 5 pm, May 31st, 2025.



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