

IONS KOALA 2017 Abstract Criteria

Abstract guideline:

- The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the principal results and major conclusions.
- Abstracts should be well organized and clearly written in good scientific English. It should be written so as to be understandable by a broad spectrum of readers and should be self-contained.
- The abstract should emphasise whether it is an empirical or theoretical work and whether results are quantitative or qualitative. The title should be concise and informative.
- Excessive use of acronyms or abbreviations should be avoided and, if used, they must be defined at their first mention in the abstract.
- The abstract length limit is of 300 words (figures and references can be uploaded straight into the registration webpage).

Judging criteria

The grading will be anonymous (no name, gender, institution or country of origin will appear to the judges). The abstract grade will count for 1/3 of the weight when considering the travel grant application.

An abstract will be judged under the 5 following criteria (on a 5-point score) :

1. **Clarity / Relevance:** The contribution confronts a clearly articulated question or problem that is relevant to, and within the scope of, the Ions-KOALA conference.
2. **Originality:** How original are the concepts, tools, or results that will be presented?
3. **Scholarly contextualization:** Is the contribution placed in context via clear reference to previously published theories, approaches and results? Does it indicate to whom will the results be of use?
4. **Method / Results:** Does the abstract say how the research was/is being undertaken? Do the results and/or analyses of data address the research question? Are the results sufficient to support the conclusions?
5. **Communication:** Is the abstract grammatically correct and in fluent and precise language? Does the title clearly reflect the contents of the abstract? Does the abstract provide a concise and complete summary?

The highest scoring abstracts within each theme/topic will then be selected. In the event of many high-scoring abstracts in the same topic, more time will be scheduled for that topic if possible. In the event that there are many abstracts with a similar score than cannot all be scheduled, final selection may be made in order to promote:

- Variation in sub-topics
- Variation in gender of presenting authors
- Variation in authors' host institute and nation