



## Call for Abstracts

The Homeopathy Research Institute (HRI) invites researchers from around the world to submit abstracts for presentation at our 2027 conference in Malta. The conference will feature a wide range of exciting talks, discussions and networking opportunities with experts, researchers, and up-and-coming leaders in the field. This is an opportunity to share your research with international colleagues. Researchers at all career stages are encouraged to [submit abstracts](#) for poster and oral presentations.

### Guidelines for submission

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**Submission deadline is Sunday 6 December 2026 at midnight (GMT).**

This is a firm deadline which will not be extended. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

**All submissions must be made via the online submission system.** If you are unable to submit using the [online form](#), please make us aware and we can discuss an alternative method. There is no fee for submitting.

Abstracts may not be withdrawn or amended once submitted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please note that submitting an abstract does not act as registration for the conference.

If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact [abstracts@hri-research.org](mailto:abstracts@hri-research.org)

### Content of abstracts

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All abstracts must be directly related to homeopathy **research** and address a clearly defined scientific question. Abstracts describing clinical experience, individual case studies or practice advice will not be accepted unless such data are presented using a recognised and appropriate research methodology.

All abstracts must clearly fit the theme of 'Cutting Edge Research' i.e. with an emphasis on the latest developments across the various sub-fields of homeopathy research. We therefore encourage submission of recently published, or as yet unpublished findings.

Suitable topics of homeopathy research include (but are not limited to):

- Clinical research (quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods)
- Disease prevention
- Fundamental research
- Health services research
- In vitro, animal and plant-based research
- Pathogenetic trials/provings
- Research methodology
- Veterinary research
- Agro/aqua-homeopathy

If you are unsure whether your topic is suitable, please email us via [abstracts@HRI-Research.org](mailto:abstracts@HRI-Research.org) and we will be happy to advise you.

## Preparing your abstract

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Before you begin the submission process, please ensure you have prepared the following:

### 1. Presenting author's and co-authors' details:

- a) Full first and family name(s) – no titles (e.g. Dr, Prof) or middle names
- b) Affiliation – Department (optional), Institute, City, Country. No positions (e.g. 'Director'), no street address
- c) Email address for the corresponding author

### 2. Abstract title – 25 words max.

Use Title Case (all major words capitalised), clearly indicating the nature of the work presented in the abstract, e.g. "Efficacy of Individualised Homeopathic Medicines in the Treatment of Fibromyalgia"

### 3. Abstract text

- Must be less than 300 words, with no references, tables or figures
- Should include these subheadings (bold, followed by a colon, no line break before paragraph begins):
  - a) **Background and aims:**
  - b) **Methods:**
  - c) **Results:**
  - d) **Conclusions:**
  - e) **Keywords:** (5 words max.)
- Use of UK or US spelling (e.g. –s or –z endings) should be consistent within the abstract.
- Spelling of 'Homoeopathy' with extra 'o' should only for proper nouns e.g. organisation names, not in titles or abstract text.
- Italics for all of the following, including when used with the abstract title: homeopathic medicine/remedy names; *in vitro*, *in vivo* and *ex vivo*; plant and species (spp.)
- Do not capitalise the second word of a species name, even for remedies.
- Keywords in plain text (not bold), with first keyword capitalised, and all other keywords in lowercase.
- Abbreviations should not be used in the title, or for terms that are only used once.  
If an abbreviation is used, introduce it next to the full words the first time the term is used.
- The submission platform does not accept underlining; please use Bold or Italics for emphasis if needed.
- If your topic is not suited to subheading framework above, a simple multiple paragraphs style can be used.

All abstracts must be written in concise academic English so that reviewers are able to focus solely on the scientific merits of the submission. We recommend that non-English speaking authors have their abstracts checked for grammar and spelling by a native speaker prior to submission.

Submitting authors are responsible for ensuring that all co-authors give their consent to be named, that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract and meet the ICMJE criteria for authorship.

By submitting an abstract, the corresponding author is automatically giving their consent for the abstract to be included in the printed conference programme and to be published in the conference proceedings in the journal *Homeopathy*. Included abstracts will be typeset from the text submitted without copy editing changes. It is the responsibility of the author to proofread the abstract carefully before final submission, including the author list.

Further guidance for preparing conference abstracts can be found [here](#).

We also recommend use of the HRI abstract checklist which can be found [here](#).

## Peer review

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**All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed** – guided by HRI's Scientific Advisory Committee – with particular attention given to scientific quality and importance of the work to the field of homeopathy research.

All abstracts will also be reviewed for ethical content to ensure that research complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures on human participants noted in the Declaration of Helsinki and in accordance with EU standards for animal use in research, as described [here](#).

If an abstract describes work involving animals for research purposes and patient consent/data, the HRI team may contact the submitting author for further details before a final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of the abstract can be made. Please ensure all contact email addresses are entered correctly at the time of submission: HRI is not responsible for failed delivery to an incorrect email address.

## Presentation

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Acceptance of an abstract for presentation at the conference will be based on the results of peer review, available space and overall programme balance.

**Oral presentations** will be 15 or 20 mins; keynotes will be 30 or 40 mins, depending on the final programme.

It is assumed that the presenting author will have adequate command of English to present and respond to questions. If that is not the case, authors should indicate Poster as their preference or make their own arrangements for a presenter to speak or translate for them.

**Posters** will be displayed throughout the event. During the Friday event Poster Reception, **authors will be required to stand by their poster for 1 hr** to answer questions. Authors can present a maximum of two posters.

## Results

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**Results of the abstract review process will be announced by 25 January 2027, directly to the corresponding author.** If the abstract is accepted, the email will specify oral or poster presentation. If you have not received a result by 27 January, please check your spam/junk folder. If you still have not received a notification, please contact us on [abstracts@hri-research.org](mailto:abstracts@hri-research.org)

## Conference Bookings

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**All successful oral and poster presenters must confirm their participation in the conference by registering by the date specified in their acceptance email.** Failure to register by this date will mean cancellation of your invitation to present and your slot will be offered to authors on the waiting list.

Authors selected to make an oral or poster presentation will receive a discount on their conference fee. As places for the conference are limited, we recommend that you book your place at the earliest opportunity rather than waiting for abstract results (see [www.HRIMalta2027.org](http://www.HRIMalta2027.org)). If you are selected to make an oral presentation at a later date, the reduction will be applied retrospectively as a refund.

## Financial assistance

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HRI will open the call for submissions to the **HRI Malta 2027 Grants** in Autumn 2026. These grants support attendance at our conferences for UK residents only (a condition imposed by the grant funder).