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CALL FOR ABSTRACT - PAPER & VIDEO SESSION

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Palazzo dei Congressi - Piazza Adua, 1

INFORMATION ON PAPER AND VIDEO SUBMISSION

The President and the Scientifc Board of the Congress welcomes the submission of your Abstract to the WKC 2025 Conference in Florence, Italy.

Please note that WKC Conference Registration is required in order for your Abstract Submission to be considered.
Once you have completed the registration through the provided link, you can send your abstract to **e.degeronimo@jaka.it**

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Abstract must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, September 30, 2025.**
The Organizing Secretariat will inform the First Authors via email if their Abstract has been accepted within two weeks following Abstract submission deadline.

It is possible to submit (1) VIDEO or (1) PAPER.
The author of the best video session and the author of the best paper session will be announced during the WKC Opening Ceremony.

The Committee's decision is final. The Scientific Committee will evaluate your Abstract based on methodological and scientific rigor, giving priority to innovation, research and development.
Additionally, the Committee may consider publication of the best Abstract in the official journal of the IKS: International Journal of Keratoconus and Ectatic Corneas Diseases (IJKECD).

Paper and Video submission opens: Monday, July 11, 2025

Paper and Video submission closes: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please take note of the following instructions when preparing your Paper and Video for submission:

- The deadline for Paper and video submissions is September 30, 2025.
- Authors will receive notification of acceptance or rejection of their Paper or Video no later than October 15, 2025.

The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submitting.

- The presenting author must be listed as the First Author.
- You may submit one (1) Abstract.

All authors of Abstracts that are not selected for presentation in the dedicated session will be displayed as posters and as projected videos in the common areas during the congress.

Abstracts, where possible, must address one of the following topics:

Topics on keratoconus:

- Genetics and pathophysiology
- Progression factors
- Ocular surface and dry eye
- Ocular surface inflammations
- Eye rubbing and trauma
- Diagnostics clinical and instrumental diagnosis
- Cross linking and parasurgical therapies
- Combined treatments
- Cairs, rings, lenticles
- Keratoplasties
- Artificial corneas
- Cataract surgery and intraocular lenses
- Innovations

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ABSTRACT STYLE GUIDE

LAYOUT INSTRUCTIONS

It is important that all abstract submissions conform to the following layout:

Abstract structure (maximum 250 words)

- Title
- Setting
- Purpose
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

Contact details of the presenting author (should be the same as the submitting author, so that the presenting author receives correspondence regarding the abstract) must contain:

- Email address
- Full postal address
- Daytime and evening phone number
- Author and co-authors; details
- Full first and family name(s)
- Affiliation details: department, institution / hospital, city, state (if relevant), country

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES

The submitter declares that all named authors agree to the release of their names and affiliation in relation to this contribution.
All contributions accepted by the WKC steering committee will be published in the online program of the conference, including information (name,title) regarding the authors.
The submitter declares that this submission is free from any third-party rights that may object to its publication in any form.

☐   I accept the privacy terms of the event.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Please enter a "non strucured Video Abstract of maximum 30 words describing the novelty of the video content".

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Please enter the abstract text below.

PLEASE NOTE: For oral presentations, the presenting author will have 7 minutes (5 minutes for presentation, 2 minutes for discussion). Please keep to your speaking time to ensure the smooth running of the scientific program.

The above guidelines must be followed - if a submitted abstract does not comply with these guidelines, it will not be accepted.

The most deserving abstracts will be published in a special issue of the congress in the official journal of the IKS: International Journal of Keratoconus and Ectatic Corneas Diseases (IJKECD).

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VIDEOS SUBMISSION FORM

Videos will be judged according to educational value, originality, scientific content, clarity and expert use of medium. To assist preparation of your video submission, please follow the following indications:

- The maximum length of video is **3 minutes**.
- Videos may be formatted in MPEG, AVI, WMV, or QuickTime (MOV) with a maximum resolution of 1280x720.
- MPEG-4 is the preferred format.
- Videos must be its final, edited version and in English.
- Videos must include a 30-45 second introduction during which all authors are credited. Any financial interest must be declared. Financial disclosure is required even when declaring no financial interest.
- Even though disclosure has been made, videos should not promote the use of any commercial product.
- Please ensure that you have permission to use any image presented in your video. This includes authorization for using copyrighted material and authorization for the use of images of any patient(s) in video.
- Use of copyrighted music or materials is forbidden without written authorization. By submitting your video under these instructions, you represent that you have or do not need such authorization and you agree to indemnify and defend the IKS from all claims based on copyright infringement.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

PLEASE NOTE: For video presentations, the presenting author will have **6 minutes (3 minutes for presentation, 3 minutes for discussion)**. Please keep to your speaking time to ensure the smooth running of the scientific program.

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FORMAT REQUIREMENTS – ORAL AND VIDEO PRESENTATION

Please note that regardless of whether you have anything to declare, it is mandatory to include your conflict of interest statement on the second slide of your oral presentation or at the beginning of your poster presentation.

MEDIA CHECK SLIDE CENTER

Your presentation should be delivered to the Media Checkpoint (Onsite Audio-Visual Support) no later than 1 hour before the start of your session. Your presentation must be delivered on a Microsoft Windows compatible USB stick.
A notebook and a video/image projector are available in the conference room for a 16:9 PowerPoint presentation. Please note that it is not possible to use your own laptop. All presenters are requested to deliver their files to the media checkpoint as early as possible. No media will be accepted directly in the conference rooms. During the conference, each presenter must supervise his or her own presentation.

TRANSFER OF YOUR PRESENTATION

Your presentation must be submitted on a Microsoft Windows compatible USB stick. Please save all files related to your presentation (PowerPoint file, video files, etc.) in one folder. We recommend that you save graphics, photos and videos separately so that the original files can be restored in the event of problems. If you are giving more than one presentation at the meeting, please save each presentation in a different and clearly identifiable folder. In general, it is advisable to make a backup copy of all files on a separate memory stick.

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Please ensure that your presentation is in a Microsoft Office compatible format. Please go to the Media Checkpoint to have your presentation checked. Your presentation will be checked against the computers on site. In order to ensure the smooth running of the sessions, you will only be allowed to use your own Apple MacBook in exceptional cases. As there are different standards, please bring your own VGA/HDMI adapter. If you wish to use your Apple MacBook, please let us know well in advance.