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GUIDELINES FOR SCIENTIFIC PAPERS PRESENTATION

IAP-TNSC has been encouraging its members to promote research and present it within the community. In this regard, Fellow, Life and Associate Life Members of **Tamilnadu and Pondicherry (IAP-TNSC)** can present scientific papers during the Annual State Conference. The research work can be presented for the following awards

Award	Duration
Dr. V. Balagopala Raju Award	10 min (Presentation) & 5 min (discussion)
Dr. K. A. Krishnamoorthy Award	10 min (Presentation) & 5 min (discussion)
Dr. B. R. Santhanakrishnan Award - Teaching Institution	8 min (Presentation) & 2 min (discussion)
Dr. B. R. Santhanakrishnan Award - Non Teaching Institution	8 min (Presentation) & 2 min (discussion)
Dr. T. Rajagopal Award	6 min (Presentation) & 2 min (discussion)
Dr. C. Thirugnanasambandam Award	10 min (Presentation) & 5 min (discussion)
IAP TNSC Dr. A. Parthasarathy Award	10 min (Presentation) & 5 min (discussion)
E-posters– For Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	2 min (Presentation) & 1 min (discussion)
E-posters– For Non Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	2 min (Presentation) & 1 min (discussion)

Timeline

- Last date for acceptance of research work - **14th July 2026**
- Announcement of shortlisted papers - 2-3 weeks prior to conference
- Submission of PowerPoint presentation— at least 3 days before the start of the conference
- All award papers will be presented on 22nd August 2026 or 23rd August 2026 to suit the conference program.



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GUIDELINES FOR DR. V. BALAGOPALA RAJU AWARD

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The author and co-authors should be IAP members

One award for the best paper (Oral presentation) in 'General Pediatrics including Neonatology' will be given.

The submission should report research in clinical pediatrics including randomized clinical trials, interventional studies, studies of screening and diagnostic tests, cohort and case-control studies, meta-analysis and cost-effectiveness analyses. Descriptive studies, surveys, case records/series, pilot interventional studies, and secondary analyses of data are not preferred.

Studies should meet the following criteria

- Topic has general pediatric interest
- Original Material
- Study methods are ethical and appropriate
- Data are sound
- Conclusions are reasonable and supported by the data
- Manuscript is written in good English.

Each manuscript should be accompanied by structured abstract in not more than 300 words.

The 7 subheadings of the structured abstract should be:

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2. Objectives
3. Study design
4. Methods and Outcomes
5. Statistical Analysis
6. Results
7. Conclusion

The main text of the manuscript should be arranged in sections on Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion. Methods section should always include a sub-heading of 'Statistical analysis.' Key messages should be provided separately at the end of the manuscript. Number of tables and figures should be limited to a maximum of **THREE** and **TWO** respectively. The number of words shall not exceed 2500 (excluding title page, abstract, tables, figures, acknowledgments, key messages and references). Number of references should be limited to 25

- The papers should be accompanied by the duly filled submission form. False details furnished will entail rejection of the paper/ poster. Only online submission of papers will be accepted.
- **Registration for the conference is a must for submission of the paper**
- The work for the paper should have been done in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry only. First author shall be the presenter and should have been a part of the team that had done the work. Presenter should be less than 40 years at the time of presentation. Proof of age should be sent by presenters of shortlisted papers. First author should register for the conference.
- Co-authors of the paper can be more than 40 years of age. In case of non-pediatric specialities, co-authors need not be IAP members. **A maximum of FIVE co-authors is allowed for the submitted paper.**
- The paper should not have been presented at any other conference, published or sent for publication until the time of the presentation. **Three independent judges** will be appointed by the **Core committee of IAP-TNSC** to adjudge the submitted papers. The judges will evaluate the papers based on six point criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 60 per judge. The top three papers will be shortlisted for oral presentation at the conference. Shortlisted authors will be informed well in advance for presentation in the conference.
- Three independent judges, appointed by the Core committee of IAP will assess the selected papers during the oral presentation. The judges will evaluate the papers based on **eight point** criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. The marks of the manuscript and oral presentation will be added and the highest scoring paper shall receive the award. Award may not be given if the papers do not meet adequate standards, and this decision shall be made by the judges of the oral presentations.
- Each presenter will be given **TEN** minutes for presentation and will have **FIVE** minutes for discussion. Questions will be only from the judges and will be answered by the presenter only.
- The presenter of victorious paper will be given a medal and certificate. Co-authors will be given certificates only. Presenters and Co-authors of the other papers selected for oral presentation will be given runner-up certificates.

- **The participants, who have not been selected for the Oral presentation (authors and co authors), will receive e-certificate only.**
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GUIDELINES FOR DR. K. A. KRISHNAMOORTHY

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The author and co-authors should be IAP members.

One award for the best paper (Oral presentation) in “Social (Community) Paediatrics” will be given.

The submission should report research in clinical pediatrics including randomized clinical trials, interventional studies, studies of screening and diagnostic tests, cohort and case-control studies, meta-analysis and cost-effectiveness analyses. Descriptive studies, surveys, case records/series, pilot interventional studies, and secondary analyses of data are not preferred.

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- Study methods are ethical and appropriate
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- Conclusions are reasonable and supported by the data
- Manuscript is written in good English.

Each manuscript should be accompanied by structured abstract in not more than 300 words.

The 7 subheadings of the structured abstract should be:

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The main text of the manuscript should be arranged in sections on Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion. Methods section should always include a sub-heading of ‘Statistical analysis.’ Key messages should be provided separately at the end of the manuscript. Number of tables and figures should be limited to a maximum of **THREE** and **TWO** respectively. The number of words shall not exceed 2500 (excluding title page, abstract, tables, figures, acknowledgments, key messages and references). Number of references should be limited to 25

- The papers should be accompanied by the duly filled submission form. False details furnished will entail rejection of the paper/ poster.
- Only online submission of papers will be accepted.
- **Registration for the conference is a must for submission of the paper**
- The work for the paper should have been done in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry only. First author shall be the presenter and should have been a part of the team that had done the work. Presenter should be less than 40 years at the time of presentation. Proof of age should be sent by presenters of shortlisted papers.
- Co-authors of the paper can be more than 40 years of age. In case of non-pediatric specialities, co-authors need not be IAP members. **A maximum of FIVE co-authors is allowed for the submitted paper.**
- The paper should not have been presented at any other conference, published or sent for publication until the time of the presentation. **Three independent judges** will be appointed by the **Core committee of IAP-TNSC** to adjudge the submitted papers. The judges will evaluate the papers based on six point criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 60 per judge. The top three papers will be shortlisted for oral presentation at the conference. Shortlisted authors will be informed well in advance for presentation in the conference.
- Three independent judges, appointed by the Core committee of IAP will assess the selected papers during the oral presentation. The judges will evaluate the papers based on **eight point** criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. The marks of the manuscript and oral presentation will be added and the highest scoring paper shall receive the award. Award may not be given if the papers do not meet adequate standards, and this decision shall be made by the judges of the oral presentations.
- Each presenter will be given **TEN** minutes for presentation and will have **FIVE** minutes for discussion. Questions will be only from the judges and will be answered by the presenter only.

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GUIDELINES FOR DR. B. R. SANTHANAKRISHNAN

Fellow, Life and Associate Life Members of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry (IAP-TNSC) can send scientific papers for **Dr. B. R. Santhanakrishnan awards - Teaching Institution & Non-Teaching Institution** during the Annual State Conference. The author and co-authors should be IAP members

A total of **TWO** awards, one to the best paper from the **Teaching Institution** and the other one to the best from **Non-Teaching Institution in 'General Paediatrics including Neonatology'** will be given.

The submission should report research in clinical pediatrics including randomized clinical trials, interventional studies, studies of screening and diagnostic tests, cohort and case-control studies, meta-analysis and cost-effectiveness analyses. Descriptive studies, surveys, case records/series, pilot interventional studies, and secondary analyses of data are not preferred.

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- Study methods are ethical and appropriate
- Data are sound
- Conclusions are reasonable and supported by the data
- Manuscript is written in good English.

Each manuscript should be accompanied by structured abstract in not more than 300 words.

The 7 subheadings of the structured abstract should be:

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2. Objectives
3. Study design
4. Methods and Outcomes
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The main text of the manuscript should be arranged in sections on Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion. Methods section should always include a sub-heading of 'Statistical analysis.' Key messages should be provided separately at the end of the manuscript. Number of tables and figures should be limited to a maximum of **THREE** and **TWO** respectively. The number of words shall not exceed 2500 (excluding title page, abstract, tables, figures, acknowledgments, key messages and references). Number of references should be limited to 25

- The papers should be accompanied by the duly filled submission form. False details furnished will entail rejection of the paper/ poster.
- Only online submission of papers will be accepted.
- Registration for the conference is a must for submission of the paper
- The work for the paper should have been done in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry only. First author shall be the presenter and should have been a part of the team that had done the work. Presenter should be less than 40 years at the time of presentation. Proof of age should be sent by presenters of shortlisted papers.
- Co-authors of the paper can be more than 40 years of age. In case of non-pediatric specialities , co-authors need not be IAP members. **A maximum of FIVE co-authors is allowed for the submitted paper.**
- The paper should not have been presented at any other conference, published or sent for publication until the time of the presentation. **Three independent judges** will be appointed by the **Core committee of IAP TNSC** to adjudge the submitted papers. The judges will evaluate the papers based on six point criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 60 per judge. The top three papers will be shortlisted for oral presentation at the conference. Shortlisted authors will be informed well in advance for presentation in the conference.
- Three independent judges, appointed by the Core committee of IAP will assess the selected papers during the oral presentation. The judges will evaluate the papers based on **eight point** criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. The marks of the manuscript and oral presentation will be added and the highest scoring paper shall receive the award. Award may not be given if the papers do not meet adequate standards, and this decision shall be made by the judges of the oral presentations.
- Each presenter will be given **EIGHT** minutes for presentation and will have **TWO** minutes for discussion. Questions will be only from the judges and will be answered by the presenter only.

- The presenter of victorious paper will be given a medal and certificate. Co-authors will be given certificates only. Presenters and Co-authors of the other papers selected for oral presentation will be given runner-up certificates.
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GUIDELINES FOR DR. T. RAJAGOPAL AWARD

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The submission should report research in clinical pediatrics including randomized clinical trials, interventional studies, studies of screening and diagnostic tests, cohort and case-control studies, meta-analysis and cost-effectiveness analyses. Descriptive studies, surveys, case records/series, pilot interventional studies, and secondary analyses of data are not preferred.

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- Study methods are ethical and appropriate
- Data are sound
- Conclusions are reasonable and supported by the data
- Manuscript is written in good English.

Each submission should be structured abstract in not more than 300 words.

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7. Conclusion

The papers should be accompanied by the duly filled submission form. False details furnished will entail rejection of the paper/ poster.

- Only online submission of papers will be accepted.
- Registration for the conference is a must for submission of the paper
- The work for the paper should have been done in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry only. First author shall be the presenter and should have been a part of the team that had done the work and there is no age limit for the presenters. In case of non-pediatric specialities, co-authors need not be IAP members. **A maximum of FIVE co-authors is allowed for the submitted paper.**
- The paper should not have been presented at any other conference, published or sent for publication until the time of the presentation. **Three independent judges** will be appointed by the **Core committee of IAP-TNSC** to adjudge the abstracts of the submitted papers. The judges will evaluate the papers based on Eight point criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. The top TEN papers will be eligible for oral presentation at the conference. Shortlisted authors will be informed well in advance for presentation in the conference.
- Assessment for write-ups will not be considered for awarding gold medal and certificate, except to decide the top ten papers for oral presentation from the papers submitted under this category.
- Each presenter will be given **SIX** minutes for presentation and will have **TWO** minutes for discussion. Questions can be from floor also and answer can be by the presenter and/or Co-authors.
- Three independent judges for oral presentation, appointed by the Core committee of IAP will assess the selected papers during the oral presentation. The judges will evaluate the papers based on Eight point criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. Award may not be given if the qualities of the papers are inadequate.
- The winner of the award will be given a medal and merit certificate. Co-authors will be given certificate only. Other presenters (who are selected for oral presentation of the paper) will be given the participation certificates.
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GUIDELINES FOR DR. C. THIRUGNANASAMBANDAM AWARD

The 40th South Zone Pedicon and the 50th Annual Conference of IAP TNSC is being held at Chennai from August 2026. On behalf of the IAP Tamil Nadu State Chapter and South Zone Team, we warmly welcome the pediatric fraternity to the conference. As part of the conference, members from Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Pondicherry can send scientific papers for the Dr. C. Thirugnanasambandam (CTS) award for the best paper (Oral presentation) in 'General Paediatrics including Neonatology'.

All entries should meet the following criteria the material is original, study methods are ethical and appropriate, data are sound, conclusions are reasonable and supported by the data, and the information is important the topic has general pediatric interest and the manuscript is written in good English. The submission should report research relevant to clinical pediatrics including randomized clinical trials, other intervention studies, studies of screening and diagnostic tests, analytical cohort and case-control studies, systematic reviews and cost-effectiveness analyses. Descriptive studies, surveys, case records/series, pilot interventional studies, and secondary analyses of data are not preferred.

Each manuscript should be accompanied with an 8-point structured abstract in not more than 200 words. The sub headings of the structured abstract should be background, objective, study design, participants, intervention, out comes, results, and conclusion. The main text of the manuscript should be arranged in sections on Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion. Methods section should always include a sub-heading of 'Statistical analysis. Key messages should be provided at the end of the manuscript. Number of tables and figures should be limited to a maximum of three and two, respectively. The typical text length for such contributions is 2500 words (excluding title page, abstract, tables, figures, acknowledgments, key messages and references). Number of references should be limited to 25

- The papers should be accompanied by the duly filled submission form. False details furnished will entail rejection of the paper/poster.
- Only online submission of papers will be accepted.
- Registration for the conference is a must for submission of the paper
- Only IAP members– Fellow/Life/Associate members are eligible to present. Both the author and co-authors should be IAP members.

- The work for the paper should have been done in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, Karnataka or Kerala only. The first author cum presenter should have been a part of the team that had done the work.
- Presenter should be the first author and should be less than 40 years at the time of presentation. Proof of age should be sent for presenters of shortlisted papers. Co-authors of the paper can be more than 40 years of age.
- A maximum of three co-authors is allowed for the submitted paper.
- The paper should not have been presented at any other conference, published or sent for publication until the time of the presentation. The Core committee of IAPTNSC will appoint three judges to judge the submitted papers independently. The top three papers will be eligible for oral presentation at the conference. The maximum marks allotted will be 60 per judge. Shortlisted authors will be informed well in advance for presentation in the conference.
- Each presenter will be given ten minutes for presentation and will have five minutes for discussion.
- Questions will be from the judges only and shall be answered by the presenter only
- Three independent judges for oral presentation, appointed by the Core committee of IAP will assess the selected papers during the oral presentation. The maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. The total marks for the manuscript and oral presentation will be calculated and the highest scoring paper shall receive the award. Award may not be given if the qualities of the papers are inadequate.
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GUIDELINES FOR DR. A. PARTHASARATHY AWARD

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One award for the best paper (Oral presentation) in 'General Pediatrics including Neonatology' will be given.

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- The work for the paper should have been done in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry only. First author shall be the presenter and should have been a part of the team that had done the work and there is no age limit for the presenters. In case of non-pediatric specialities, co-authors need not be IAP members. **A maximum of FIVE co-authors is allowed for the submitted paper.**
- The paper should not have been presented at any other conference, published or sent for publication until the time of the presentation. **Three independent judges** will be appointed by the **Core committee of IAP-TNSC** to adjudge the abstracts of the submitted papers. The judges will evaluate the papers based on Eight point criteria, and the maximum marks allotted will be 40 per judge. The top TEN papers will be eligible for oral presentation at the conference. Shortlisted authors will be informed well in advance for presentation in the conference.
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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Dr. V. Balagopala Raju Award, Dr. K. A. Krishnamoorthy award,

Dr. B. R. Santhanakrishnan award, Dr. A . Parthasarathy Award

- Written Paper - 60 marks

1. Originality	10
2. Applicability / Reproducibility	10
3. Study design / Methods	10
4. Statistical analysis	10
5. Observations and Tables	10
6. Discussion and Message	10

- Oral Presentation - 40 marks

1. Relevance of the study	5
2. Methods	5
3. Statistical Analysis	5
4. Validity of Conclusion	5
5. Time	5
6. Presentation	5
7. Slides	5
8. Discussion and answer to Questions	5



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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Dr. T. Rajagopal award

- Written Abstract - 40 marks - only for shortlisting papers for presentation, **NOT** for cumulative scores, unless there is a tie.
 1. Originality (innovativeness) of the study 5
 2. Rigor (Difficulty Level) of the study 5
 3. Appropriateness and applicability in the current context 5
 4. Study design / Methods 5
 5. Analysis 5
 6. Significance of results 5
 7. Conclusions reasonable & supported by the data 5
 8. Quality of the abstract (Language, grammar, writing style) 5
- Oral Presentation - 40 marks
 1. Relevance of the study 5
 2. Methods 5
 3. Statistical Analysis 5
 4. Validity of Conclusion 5
 5. Time 5
 6. Presentation 5
 7. Slides 5
 8. Discussion and answer to Questions 5



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Dr. V. Balagopal Raju Award

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Dr. K. A. Krishnamoorthy Award

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Dr. T. Rajagopalan Award

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Dr. B.R. Santhanakrishnan (Academic Institutions) Awards

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Dr. B.R. Santhanakrishnan (Co- Academic Institutions) Award

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Dr. A. Parthasarathy Award

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1	Author		
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3	Co-author		
4	Co-author		
5	Co-author		
6	Co-author		

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F. Name of HOD/Unit chief:

G. Signature of HOD/Unit chief:

H. Conference registration number:

I. Declaration: I hereby declare that the above particulars are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Presenter



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