



## **CALL FOR FREE & AWARD PAPERS FOR PRESENTATION AT NEOCON -2022**

The National NEOCON-22 Scientific Committee invites submission of research papers from all NNF members desirous of presenting their work during **NEOCON -2022, the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of National Neonatology Forum** to be held from **December 01<sup>st</sup> – 04<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at **Science City, Kolkata, West Bengal**.

### **(A) Category: Free Papers**

The submitted papers will be evaluated by a screening committee for their inclusion either as an “*Oral Presentation*” or as a “*Poster Presentation*”. The authors will be intimated accordingly. Those delegates desirous of presenting their work only as a poster should mark the submission as “**POSTER ONLY**”

### **SUBMISSION FORMAT**

1. **Abstract Format:** The Abstract should not be more than 250 words (excluding title and author names). It should be structured as indicated below (except for Case Reports):
  - (a) Introduction, (b) Aims & Objectives, (c) Material & Methods (including statistical methods where relevant), (d) Results and (e) Conclusions.
2. The abstract should include title, authors' names (with the presenting author's name underlined) and the place of study. It should also indicate the sub-speciality category as indicated below. The text should be typed in Times New Roman Font, size 11, single space.

### **Instructions:**

1. Abstracts are to be submitted **ONLY** as soft copies by email to the following email ID: [neoconpapers@gmail.com](mailto:neoconpapers@gmail.com). Full papers/papers submitted as hard copy only, will not be accepted.
2. The deadline for submission of free paper abstracts is **5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, which will be strictly adhered to.
3. It is mandatory that authors quote their Central NNF membership number. While making the submission. Registration for the conference is mandatory in case the papers are accepted for presentation.
4. Papers from non-members will not be accepted.
5. Ensure that you keep a copy of the acknowledgement from Central NNF for the papers submitted by you.
6. List of Sub-specialty categories under which abstract can be submitted:
  - a. Cardiology (CAR)
  - b. Community Neonatology (CP)
  - c. Endocrinology (ENDO)
  - d. Gastroenterology (GE)
  - e. Genetics (GENE)
  - f. Growth & Development (GD)
  - g. Hematology - Oncology (HO)

- h. Infectious Diseases (ID)
  - i. Intensive Care (IC)
  - j. Nephrology (NEP)
  - k. Neurology (NEU)
  - l. Nutrition (NUT)
  - m. Respiratory (RESP)
  - n. Miscellaneous (MISC)
- OR

• **Innovations (Separate category)**

**(B) Category: Award Papers**

Research papers can be submitted for the following Awards -

- **NNF Gold Medal**
- **Social Neonatology Gold Medal**

**Instructions:**

1. The Soft copy of the full paper and its structured abstract (as indicated for free papers) should be submitted ONLY by email to **neoconpapers@gmail.com**.
2. The last date for submission of award papers is **5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. This deadline will be strictly observed.
3. Presenting author must be a member of central NNF (should quote their Central NNF membership number while submitting their paper). Registration for the conference is mandatory for those whose papers have been accepted for presentation.
4. The **first author age for Submission of paper for all category is 45 Years except Innovation Poster. Innovation Poster author age should be less than 60** years as on **January 01, 2022** (Please enclose proof of age).
5. Papers from non-members will not be accepted.
6. Only one paper for the award will be accepted from any one NNF Member.
7. The number of author's should not exceed three. There is no age restriction for co-author.
8. Any author who has been recipient of the award in the past for which the paper is being submitted is not eligible to submit a paper for the same award category again; however he /she can be a co-author.

**Submission Format**

- The FULL award paper and its summary (abstract) should be submitted in the style of "Journal of Neonatology" (see: Journal of Neonatology - <https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/NNT>)
- The title of the paper should be brief but adequately descriptive.
- The summary (abstract) should be structured as indicated below: (a) Introduction, (b) Aims & Objectives, (c) Materials & Methods (including statistical methods where relevant) (d) Results (e) Conclusions. The summary should not exceed 200 words.
- The submitted manuscript should be typed in Times Roman Font , size 11 (double space)

*Note: The papers submitted for the award category which are not accepted for presentation, will not be eligible for presentation in any other free paper category.*

**Notification of selection of Papers:** The Scientific Committee will review all submitted papers. The decision of acceptance / rejection will be sent to the first authors indicated in the papers, by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Authors may contact the NNF office at [neoconpapers@gmail.com](mailto:neoconpapers@gmail.com) if they have not received any intimation by that time.

### **Best poster awards**

All posters, irrespective of the sub-specialty category in which submitted, shall be considered for the "**Best Poster Award**" & "**Best Innovation Poster Award**". Judging will be based on scientific merit, visual presentation, and the potential significance of the clinical research. Detailed instructions for poster paper presenters will be sent after the selection process is complete.

**Registration for the Conference:** It is mandatory for all NNF members whose submitted papers have been accepted for presentation at NEOCON-22 to be registered for the conference (the conference registration fee will be as applicable at time of registration). The conference registration ID should be intimated to NNF office at [neoconpapers@gmail.com](mailto:neoconpapers@gmail.com) within 2 weeks of receipt of acceptance letter.

**Publication of Papers:** The papers that have been accepted for publication will be published in proceedings of **NEOCON-2022**. NNF holds all publication rights including copyright unless otherwise intimated to the authors by NNF in writing.

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