

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS Guidelines

### Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts for submission are to be considered for either oral, flash oral or poster presentation. Authors should indicate their preference during submission.

Final allocation of an abstract for either oral, flash oral or poster presentation will be determined by the Scientific and Organizing Committees of the Symposium based on the abstract's score, author's preference, the Symposium's topic and timeline.

The submitting author serves as "presenting author" and is the only contact for correspondence regarding submission and communication with the Organizers.

Submission is limited to a maximum of two (2) abstracts for each presenting author.

Presenting authors must be registered participants to the 38<sup>th</sup> ECVN Symposium (deadline for registration 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026). Works from unregistered authors will not be included in the Proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> ECVN Symposium.

Abstracts should not have been published prior to submission, nor to presentation at the Symposium.

Abstracts must be submitted online at the **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CENTRE** website <http://abstract.evsrl.it/>

To access the ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CENTRE, you must register to the "EGO System".

Should you not have a User Name and Password, please go to the "EGO" Registration Request Page at <http://ego.evsrl.it/public/Registration.aspx>

**The Registration process takes 2 working days.** Please allow sufficient time to register and submit your abstract prior to the submission deadline.

### Step 1

**TITLE** Abstract's title must be in CAPITAL LETTERS, and of a maximum length of 180 characters (including spaces).

### PRESENTATION PREFERENCE

- Oral presentation preference
- Oral presentation preference, but willing to present as poster as well
- Poster only



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Veterinary Encephalitis:  
Bridging Animal  
and Human  
Neuroinflammation



#### PRESENTING AUTHOR

- Neurology resident in training
- Young neurologist in training (including veterinary students, interns, Masters and PhD students)
- Other (Diplomates ECVN, non ECVN Diplomates and non-Diplomates but Members of ESVN)

**ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE** (please indicate the presenting author's e-mail address)

#### Step 2

##### AUTHORS AND AFFILIATION

The Presenting Author should be indicated here as first author.

##### Permission for publication

Presenting author should declare that permission for publication has been obtained from all persons listed as authors on the manuscript.

##### Permission for use of photographs/videos

Presenting author should declare that permission for use of any photographs/videos has been obtained from the animal's owner and any other relevant parties.

#### Step 3

##### TEXT- FORMAT

The abstract language is English.

**Text length should not exceed 250 words** excluding title, authors and affiliation. Please **check the number of words** before submitting the abstract. Please note that the system will not accept more than 1900 characters (spaces included).

Abstracts should be organized into the following sections:

1) **Introduction/Purpose**, 2) **Methods**, 3) **Results**, and 4) **Discussion/Conclusion**

Results in the form of tables or graphs and list of references should not be included in the abstract.

**DO NOT list any Author's name or Institution in the abstract.**

Abstracts containing incomplete or pending results will not be accepted.

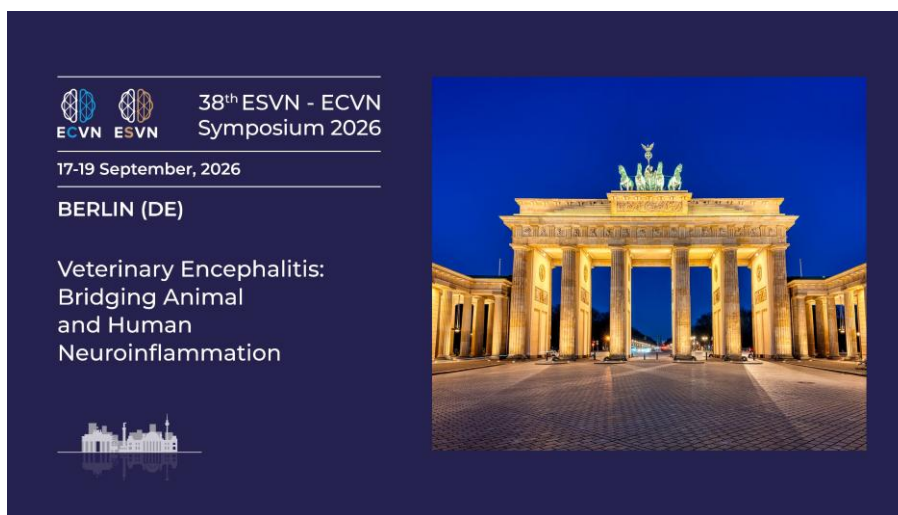
Abstracts submitted in a different format will not be accepted.

At step 3, Authors will be required to complete an ethical statement and to provide, when required, proof of approval from their Institution's ethical review board. This ethical statement is mandatory for submission of an abstract.

#### Step 4

##### ABSTRACT PREVIEW FOR FINAL CHECK

Still time to amend your text or go ahead and confirm!



### Step 5

#### CONFIRMATION

Final upload of the abstract.

### Step 6

#### COMPLETED!

An email including the assigned ID will be sent to the presenting author as confirmation of the successful upload into the system.

**Example of an ECVN abstract as guidance** (see Annex I)

#### Evaluation

All abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee using the following criteria:

- Novelty
- Significance/importance
- Scientific quality, hypothesis, experimental design
- Relevance to the topic of the Symposium
- Composition, clarity, organization
- Adherence to Author guidelines
- Approval from their Institution's ethical review board

The selected abstracts will be included in the proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> ESVN/ECVN Symposium and published in the Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine (JVIM).

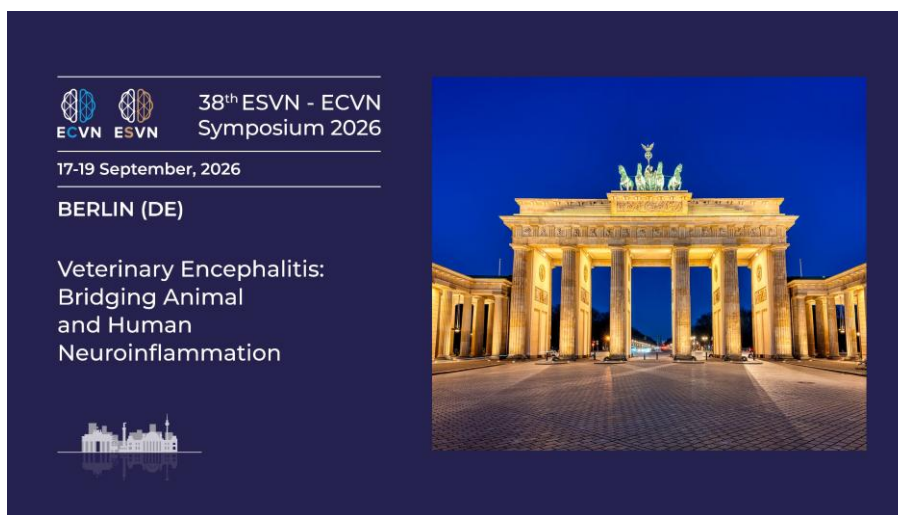
#### Notification of acceptance

Acceptance/rejection of the abstracts and indication of the presentation type (Poster, Flash Presentation or Oral Presentation) will be notified by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2026 by email once the ECVN/ESVN Scientific Committee and the Symposium Organising Committee have reviewed all the submitted abstracts. **Author's final confirmation is required within 7 days of notification, otherwise the abstract will not be included in the program.**

#### Oral presentations

The time allotted for an oral presentation will be 10 minutes, which includes 2 minutes for questions and answers. Electronic slides should be organized in a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Presentations must be sent via WeTransfer to [secretariat@ecvnberlin2026.org](mailto:secretariat@ecvnberlin2026.org) **BEFORE 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.**

The oral presentations' time schedule will be published on the Symposium's website.



### Flash presentations

In addition to oral and poster presentations, some authors will be invited to present their work as a flash poster presentation. Flash poster presentations should be organized in a PowerPoint presentation and be of a maximum of 3 MINUTES duration. Only ONE QUESTION will be allowed from the audience, and authors will have only 1 MINUTE to answer.

Please note that presentations should be restricted to a maximum of 3-4 slides. We will be very strict with timekeeping, and we will not hesitate to cut presenters off if you run overtime! The main objective of the presentation is to generate curiosity about the work in a flash: please highlight only the key findings.

The flash presentations' time schedule will be published on the Symposium's website.

**NB** Flash-poster-presentations should be organized in the form of both a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation **AND** a printed Poster. Please follow the below instructions for Poster presentation.

Flash-poster-presentations (organized in a Microsoft PowerPoint) must be sent via WeTransfer to [secretariat@ecvnberlin2026.org](mailto:secretariat@ecvnberlin2026.org) **BEFORE 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2026**.

### Poster presentations

Abstracts selected for poster presentation should be organized into a Poster of 125 cm height and 90 cm width.

Posters will be displayed in the allocated area at the conference center for the duration of the Main Symposium. Poster set up is required by before Opening Ceremony on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Posters should be removed on Saturday afternoon at the end of the Symposium. Any posters left after this time will be removed and recycled.

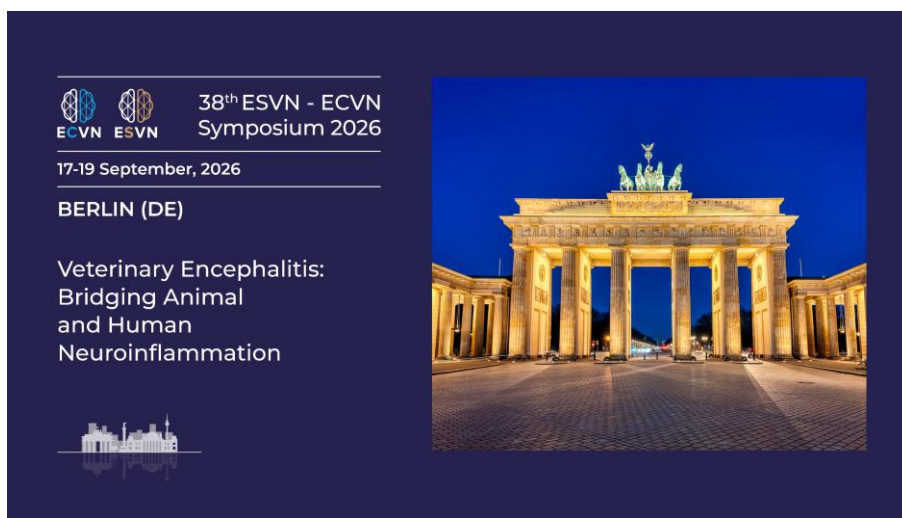
**Poster number ID**, as assigned on acceptance of the abstract, will be indicated on poster boards at the location where the poster should be displayed. Push pins will be provided by the organizers.

The Poster session, during which Authors are expected to attend their posters and answer questions of delegates, will be announced soon.

**Any further questions?** Please email to [secretariat@ecvnberlin2026.org](mailto:secretariat@ecvnberlin2026.org)

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## Annex I



### Example of an ECVN abstract as guidance

#### TRAUMATIC AND IATROGENIC SCIATIC NERVE INJURY IN THIRTY-NINE DOGS AND TEN CATS: CLINICAL AND ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC FINDINGS

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Aim of the study was to retrospectively evaluate clinical and electrodiagnostic findings of dogs and cats with traumatic and iatrogenic lesions of the sciatic nerve.

Patients visited in the period 2006-2020 that underwent neurologic examination and electrodiagnostics were included. A grading scale was applied to results of motor nerve conduction (MNCS) based on amplitudes of CMAPs. These data were compared to clinical findings like absence/presence of nociception in the peroneal and tibial nerves using contingency tables.

Thirty-nine dogs and 10 cats (23 males, 26 females) met the inclusion criteria. Injuries were caused by trauma (51%), surgical procedures (44.9%) and injections (4.1%).

Electrodiagnostics were suggestive of neurotmesis in 23 nerves (16 peroneal, 7 tibial). Peroneal and tibial nerve were affected in 83% (41/49) and 92% (45/49) of the patients respectively.

Of the 39 subjects with both nerves injured, 19 had a prevalent peroneal and 3 a prevalent tibial involvement. Nociception was absent in 5/7 tibial and in 16/16 peroneal nerves that had absent CMAPs (neurotmesis). Nociception was absent also in 5/6 tibial and 8/14 peroneal nerves that had severely reduced amplitudes of CMAPs (<1 mV). A significant association between the grading scale and nociception was found for both the tibial and peroneal nerve (P=0.006 and P=0.001 respectively).

Different types of trauma and orthopedic procedures can cause injury and dysfunction of the sciatic nerve. Peroneal is often more severely affected than tibial. Electrodiagnostics appear to be superior to neurological evaluation in differentiating neurotmesis from severe axonotmesis, that may carry a better prognosis.