Late-Breaker Abstract sessions are designed to communicate the latest developments in tropical medicine and global health, such as recent results of clinical trials, new data on disease outbreaks and reports of novel clinical cases or scientific findings. The Scientific Program Committee will consider the timeliness of the data presented as a major factor in the evaluation of Late-Breaker Abstracts.

Submission Guidelines:

- A Late-Breaker Abstract fee of $80 US is due by Monday, July 28. If the abstract fee is not paid by July 28, the abstract will not be considered for presentation. The abstract fee is non-refundable regardless of whether the abstract is accepted for presentation. This abstract fee is separate from the Annual Meeting registration fee, which is a separate payment.

- Edits can be made to Late-Breaker Abstracts via the submission portal through July 23. No edits can be made after July 23.

- Late-Breaker Abstract notices will be sent to the email address provided for the presenting author approximately one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

- Late-Breaker Abstracts accepted for presentation will be assigned for oral or poster presentation in Late-Breaker Abstract Oral Presentation Sessions or Poster Sessions.

- Late-Breaker Abstracts accepted for oral presentation will be presented during one of these Late-Breaker Abstract Sessions: 1) Late-Breakers in Basic Sciences; 2) Late-Breakers in Clinical and Applied Sciences; 3) Late-Breakers in Malaria; 4) Late-Breakers in Virology

- Due to the large number of Late-Breaker Abstracts received, the review process for oral presentations is highly competitive. Most Late-Breaker Abstract submissions that are not accepted for oral presentation will be assigned to poster presentations.

- Please note: The 2025 Annual Meeting will not include an option for ePoster presentations.

Publishing Guidelines:

- Late-Breaker Abstracts are not published in the Annual Meeting Abstract Book.

- Abstracts that are withdrawn after the submission date of July 23 will appear in the Meeting App if accepted. A withdrawal notice will be posted the week of the meeting, but the abstract will not be removed from the Meeting App.

- Approximately three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, accepted Late-Breaker Abstracts will be publicly available on the ASTMH web site and Meeting App. Abstract publication in these venues does not preclude later full publication in scientific journals.

Content and Format:

- **Content:** Abstracts should contain data and/or concepts not previously presented or published.

- **Format:** Abstracts must be in English. The title, authors, author affiliations, and body of the abstract should be entered in standard sentence case, *not* all upper-case letters. The character limit for the abstract (not including title, authors, etc.) is 1,850 characters (does not include spaces). Accounting for spaces, the character limit for the abstract is approximately 2,100-2,200 characters.
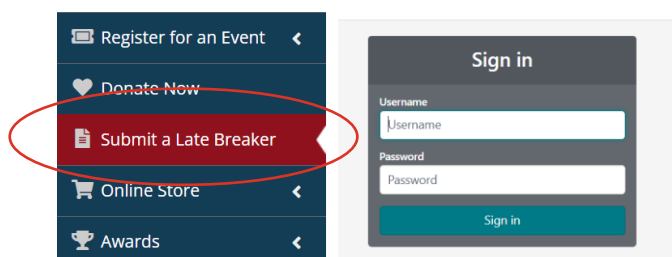
  Enter your abstract as one paragraph *without* embedded headings (eg., "Introduction," "Methods," etc.). Do *not* include tables or figures, acknowledgements, funding sources, references, or other supplementary information.

- **Authorship:** Although encouraged, ASTMH membership is not required. The person who intends to present the abstract at the meeting should generally be entered as the first author on the Author Information screen at the submission site. The author's given name should go in the First Name field, and the family name in the Last Name field. Additional author names can be entered individually or by using a group designation, which is advised for abstracts with multiple contributors who are part of a working group or consortium. Provide a brief (approximately 5-6 sentences) description of the presenting author's background and area of expertise as it relates to the abstract topic.

- **Submission Category:** See page 3 for guidelines regarding submission category.

- Do you need help writing your abstract?
  VIDEO: How to Write an Abstract VIEW HERE
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Submission Portal:
- **CLICK HERE** to access the submission site.
- In order to submit an abstract, you must have an existing ASTMH account.
- Log into your ASTMH account. Your username will be the email address associated with your ASTMH account.
- If you have an existing account and you need to reset your password, use the link on the login screen. Please note that the process to reset your password can take some time and is not instant, so allow for wait time. Click here for additional information to reset your password.
- If you do not have existing ASTMH account, use the link on the login screen to create an account. Click here for additional instructions to create a new account.
- Once you log into your account, click **My Account** and click **My Profile** to review your account data to ensure your contact information is correct.
- Using the menu on the left side of the screen, click **SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT**.
- Enter the same username and password that you used to log into your ASTMH account.
- If you experience a problem, clear your browsing history and try again.
- Submit your Late-Breaker Abstract by July 23 using the SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT button.

Selecting the Correct Abstract Category:

Most categories reflect an organism or disease-based approach. For multidisciplinary or less traditional topics, click here for helpful guidelines.

Approach:

When submitting, we encourage you to select the approach that best complements the abstract content:
- Case study
- Cell biology
- Diagnostics
- Elimination
- Epidemiology
- Field and ecological studies
- Genetics/genomics/evolution
- Immunology
- Mathematical and statistical modeling
- Molecular biology
- Pathogenesis and host responses
- Population surveillance
- Prevention
- Therapeutics and resistance
- Vaccinology
- Other

Questions:

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