ASTMH Annual Meeting Late-Breaker Abstract sessions are designed to communicate the latest events 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 its evaluation.

**Submission Guidelines:**

- A Late-Breaker Abstract fee of $80 US is due by Monday, July 17. If the abstract fee is not paid by July 17, 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.

- Update your profile in the abstract submission site: Log into the abstract submission site, click the profile icon next to your name and click Profile in the drop-down menu. Before you enter your abstract, review your profile information to ensure your contact information is correct. Inaccurate or outdated contact information will lead to delays or undeliverable abstract notifications.

- Edits can be made to Late-Breaker Abstracts via the submission portal through July 12. No edits can be made after July 12.

- 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 four 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.

**Poster Abstract Presentations:**

- Poster presenters who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person will have the option to upload a digital poster for On-Demand viewing in the ePoster Hall Gallery. The ePoster Hall Gallery will feature a Chat function (typed messages into a Chat Box) whereby presenters and attendees can communicate when their schedules permit. As such, most Chats will take place on an asynchronous basis rather than in real time.

- **Important note for in-person poster presenters >>** To ensure equity and inclusion and provide access to poster content for Annual Meeting attendees who are unable to attend in person, all in-person poster presenters are expected to upload a digital file of their poster for On-Demand viewing in the ePoster Hall Gallery.
• If you submit more than one abstract that is accepted as a poster, ASTMH cannot guarantee that posters will be scheduled for different days. Please be prepared to split your time between posters if they are scheduled for the same session.

Publishing Guidelines:

• The Late-Breaker Abstract Presentation Schedule Booklet includes the presentation number, abstract title and author list for each accepted abstract, as well as the time of oral or poster presentation.

• Abstracts that are withdrawn after the submission date will appear in the Late-Breaker Abstract Presentation Schedule Booklet if accepted. A withdrawal notice will be posted the week of the meeting, but the abstract will not be removed from the Meeting App nor the ePoster Hall Gallery nor the Late-Breaker Abstract Presentation Schedule Booklet.

• Approximately three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, accepted Late-Breaker Abstracts will be publicly available on the ASTMH website 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.

To enter a community partner as an author, rather than an individual’s name, please contact Natalia Gutierrez at ngutierrez@astmh.org for instructions for data entry into the author fields.

• 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 CLICK HERE for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the abstract submission process.

Submission Portal:

• Submit your Late-Breaker Abstract by July 12 using the SUBMIT 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
- Field and ecological studies
- Genetics/genomics/evolution
- Immunology
- Mathematical and statistical modeling
- Molecular biology
- Other epidemiology
- Pathogenesis and host responses
- Population surveillance
- Prevention
- Therapeutics and resistance
- Vaccinology
- Other

Questions:

Contact Natalia Gutierrez, ASTMH Scientific Program Coordinator