INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The abstract submission is open, all abstracts must be submitted by August 31, 2020, midnight CET, in word format only by email to: info@scstudiocongressi.it.

The Abstract Scientific Committee will accept abstracts with high scientific level for poster presentation. The 6 best submitted abstracts will be selected for oral presentation in the plenary room.

Abstract Submission Checklist:

- The abstract must be written in fluent **English**. Please ensure your abstract does not contain spelling, grammar, or scientific mistakes, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted. Linguistic accuracy is your responsibility. No proof reading will be done.
- The abstract title should be brief and clearly indicate the nature of the abstract.
- Contact information: the corresponding author should be the first author (presenter) of the abstract, unless otherwise noted during submission. His name, degree, affiliation, phone number and email address must be provided as he will receive all future correspondence. Changes will not be made to the spelling of authors' names after the submission deadline; please proof your co-authors' names carefully.
- The entire body of the abstract must not exceed 300 words. Neither tables nor figures should be included in the abstract.
- Available topics are:
 - * Epidemiology and pathophysiology of fecal incontinence
 - Epidemiology and pathophysiology of obstructed defecation
 - * Diagnostic algorithm for fecal incontinence or obstructed defecation or both
 - * Conservative management of fecal incontinence or obstructed defecation or both
 - * Surgical techniques to treat fecal incontinence or obstructed defecation or both
 - Innovations in the management of fecal incontinence or obstructed defecation or both
 - Difficult clinical case (case report)
- The abstract needs to be structured as follows: Introduction / Methods / Results / Conclusions.
- Abbreviations should be defined.
- Trade names cannot be mentioned in the title. However, trade names in brackets will be accepted in the body of the text.
- A conflict of interest disclosure must be clearly written on the bottom of the abstract body (the text for this disclosure should NOT be accounted for the abstract words count).
- The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to standard of English, objectivity of statements, description of what was done, suitability of methods to aims, conclusions

- confirmed by objective results, ethics, scientific value, potential clinical value, originality of work and overall impression.
- Submitting authors will be notified by September 15, 2020 whether their abstract has been accepted, and they will be informed at the same time about the date, time and form of their presentation. All notifications will be sent out to the e-mail address given on the submission form.
- The Author presenting the abstract selected must be registered to the Conference in advance.
- The Poster session will be chaired by Techniques in Coloproctology Co-Editor in Chief, Giuseppe Gagliardi, and by Techniques in Coloproctology Editor-at-Large, Jean Luc Faucheron, who will invite authors to submit selected work to Techniques in Coloproctology journal for fast track review.
- One junior author will be selected to become member of the Junior Editorial Board for one year.