

IPS 2025 Abstract Submission Guidelines

The IPS meeting is a time to present your very best new research. The scientific program committee will review your abstract for an oral presentation in an open session, an oral presentation in a symposium, or a poster presentation to ensure it meets all requirements. Editorial revisions may be requested before a final determination of abstract acceptance can be made. Abstracts submitted by undergraduate and graduate students must be reviewed by an advisor prior to submission.

Overall Requirements

- **Maximum 225-word count**, excluding title and author info.
- Write the abstract as a single-block paragraph, copied and pasted from Word.
- Common or scientific names of species - including humans - must appear either in the title or the body.
- Use metric units of measurement.
- For empirical studies, inferential statistics that have been used to analyze data should be presented in the abstract more or less as follows:
 - Report the statistical test used and the alpha level associated with it. For example: "There was a significant difference between the means in the three conditions [ANOVA, alpha=0.01.]" An even better example would include the direction of effect: "Animals in Conditions A and B were significantly faster than Condition C [ANOVA with a priori comparison, alpha=0.01.]"
- For presentations that are descriptive, rather than empirical, such as novel behaviors, new study sites, new techniques, community education programs, conservation strategies, etc., make certain to adequately describe the points of interest.
- If you require a special symbol in your abstract, make a note at the end of the submission process or contact a Scientific Program Committee co-chair.

Specific Requirements

- **Title and Affiliation** - Title should be concise. Clearly state the problem/question/program/findings, species, housing (zoo-living, lab-housed, sanctuary, field, etc.), and, if relevant, location.
- **Body (225-word limit)**
 - **For empirical presentations**
 - **Introduction:** Clearly state the theoretical rationale, research questions or problems, hypotheses, predictions, etc.
 - **Methods:** Include the basic design of the study, sample size, data collection techniques, and size of data set (number of samples, hours of observation, etc.).
 - **Results:** Include **explicit** statement of results along with the statistical strategy used, level of significance (alpha level), and direction of relationship (see above).
 - **Conclusion:** End with implications of the results, linking them to the purpose of the study. **Abstracts stating "results will be discussed" will**

be sent back for revisions. You may include funding sources within the allowed word limit.

- **For descriptive presentations**
 - Introduction: Clearly state the situation that you are describing (new behavior, new study site, new techniques, community education, conservation strategies, etc.).
 - Discussion: Clearly describe the importance of the situation to primates, primatology, and/or the scientific community.

CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE (all abstracts will be reviewed by two expert members of the Scientific Program Committee)

Only the highest quality abstracts will be accepted. To this end, we are including a list of guidelines for acceptance that you should review before submitting your abstract:

- Abstracts should summarize your work in such a way that your presentation can be understood without any supporting or additional material.
- Abstracts should be clearly written with appropriate spelling and grammar.
- Abstracts should not be based solely on anecdotal or preliminary pilot data.
- **Advisors must review their students' abstracts prior to submission**, as students may not be experienced in preparing abstracts.
- **The majority of abstracts are accepted with minor revisions** to ensure the highest quality. Minor revisions often reflect the standard guidelines for abstract submission and are by no means a reflection of the science, the project, or the researcher. Authors are required to respond to and return revisions within 10 days.

Submitting Authors will be notified of the status of their abstracts via email.