

Guidelines for Abstract & Course/Workshop Submission: Joint SSO2026/WCO6 Optometry Conference

Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Conference Dates: November 27–29, 2026

1. Key Dates & Deadlines

Action	Date	Note
Call for Abstracts & Courses Opens	March 1, 2026	Official portal launch; distribution of submission guidelines globally.
Submission Deadline (Abstracts, Course & Workshop Proposals)	April 15, 2026	Final date for oral and poster abstract submissions.
Peer Review Period	April 16 – May 30, 2026	Technical review by the Scientific Committee for all submissions.
Notification of Acceptance	May 30, 2026	Announcement of results to authors (Oral, Poster, Course, or Workshop).
Confirmation of Participation	June 15, 2026	Deadline for all accepted presenters/course organizers to confirm attendance and complete registration.
Final Program Publication	September 1, 2026	Full scientific schedule released to the public.

2. Suggested Submission Categories

To ensure a diverse and high-impact program, submissions should be categorized into one of the following themes:

- **Clinical Optometry:** (Glaucoma, Cornea & Contact Lenses, Pediatric Optometry, Anterior Segment, Low Vision, etc.).
- **Vision Science:** (Myopia control, Binocular vision, Visual Electrophysiology, Advanced Imaging, etc.).

- **Public Health:** (Vision 2030 goals, eye care accessibility, school screening programs, community health initiatives, etc.).
- **Education & Professional Development:** (Optometry legislation, clinical training, AI in eye care, curriculum development, etc.).

3. General Guidelines

- **Submission Platform:** All submissions must be submitted through the official conference submission portal [[Click here](#)].

4. Abstract Content & Format (For Oral & Poster Submissions)

- **Title:** The title should be concise and accurately reflect the content.
- **Authors:** List all authors with their affiliations.
- **Word Limit:** Abstracts should not exceed **350 words**, excluding the title, authors, and keywords.
- **Keywords:** Include a maximum of 3 keywords.
- **Conflict of Interest/Financial Disclosure:** Disclose any potential conflicts of interest or financial support.
- **Structure:**
 - **Research Abstract (Free Papers & E-Posters):**
 - **Background/Objectives:** A brief introduction including the objectives/aim or hypothesis.
 - **Design and Methods:** Description of the research methodology.
 - **Results:** Summary of the main findings.
 - **Conclusions:** Implications and overall outcome of the results.
 - **For Case Study:**
 - **Introduction:** Brief background of the case.
 - **Case Description:** Detailed presentation of the patient's history, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment.
 - **Conclusion:** Summary of key findings and recommendations.

5. Course/Workshop Proposal Content (For Educational Sessions)

- **Title:** Concise title and a brief description (max 50 words) for the program schedule.
- **Duration:** Indicate preferred length (e.g., 60 minutes, 90 minutes, Half-day).
- **Learning Objectives:** State three to five measurable learning objectives.
- **Target Audience:** Specify the experience level (e.g., General Practitioner, Specialist, Researcher).
- **Detailed Outline/Content:** A comprehensive description of the content and structure of the course/workshop (max 350 words).
- **Instructors:** List all instructors and their qualifications.

6. Review Process

- **Blind Review:** All abstracts will undergo a blind peer-review process. **Do not include any identifying information in the abstract body.**
- **Criteria:** Submissions will be evaluated based on originality, scientific merit, relevance to the conference theme, clarity of presentation, and potential impact. Course/Workshop proposals will be evaluated on relevance, educational value, and instructor expertise.

7. Presentation Format

- **Oral Presentations** (Lectures)
- **Oral Presentations** (Case Studies)
- **Oral Presentations** (Free Papers)
- **Poster Presentations** (Posters)
- **Courses/Workshops** (Educational Sessions)
 - **Template for the oral and poster presentation will be shared after the selection of abstracts. Course/Workshop organizers will be contacted directly regarding logistical needs.*

8. Ethical Considerations

- All research must have been conducted in accordance with ethical guidelines and regulations (e.g., Declaration of Helsinki).