



REGULATIONS

of 21st Warsaw International Medical Congress for Young Scientists

Pursuant to § 31-35 of the Statute of the Student Scientific Society of the Medical University of Warsaw, it is ordered as follows:

Chapter 1

General Regulations

§ 1. 1. The 21st Warsaw International Medical Congress for Young Scientists, referred to hereafter as Conference, is a review of scientific achievements and a competition amongst the best scientific papers in thematic sessions.

2. The Conference takes place on the 17 – 19 April 2026 at the Medical University of Warsaw campus at Księcia Trojdena 2a Street, Warsaw, Poland.

§ 2. 1. Conference is organised by the Student Scientific Society of the Medical University of Warsaw, referred to as STN.

2. The Organising Committee, referred to hereafter as Committee, consists of members of the STN Board.

3. The Committee appoints session coordinators, assigning them the responsibility of organisation and conducting of the scientific sessions during the Conference.

§ 3. 1. The official means of communication of the Conference are the website wimc.events and electronic mail address wimc@wum.edu.pl.

2. The working language of the Conference is English.

§ 4. The Conference comprises the following components:

- 1) original research scientific sessions;
- 2) case report poster sessions;
- 3) workshops;
- 4) public keynote lectures and panel discussions.

§ 5. 1. Workshops are practical skills trainings, prepared by the Committee with Partners or Sponsors.

2. Workshops list is announced in a separate communication and participation will require separate registration.

§ 6. Public keynote lectures and discussion panels are organised by the Committee, Partners, or Sponsors to provide the attendees with in-depth knowledge of advanced medical research in an accessible form.

Chapter 2

Original Research Scientific Sessions

§ 7. 1. During original research scientific sessions, on-site oral presentations are given on the results of an original research investigation in which the author personally participated.

2. The following types of work are excluded from the original research scientific sessions:

- 1) review articles (narrative, systematic reviews, meta-analyses);
- 2) case studies, case series, and case-based reviews;
- 3) nonresearch, nonreview works, including viewpoints, opinions, and commentaries.

§ 8. 1. Original research scientific sessions are divided thematically; the list of the sessions to be held during the Conference is included in Appendix 1.

2. A session takes place only if five or more scientific papers are accepted for that session in the review process.

3. If the number of papers submitted to a particular session does not meet this requirement, the Committee reserves the right to cancel the session, transfer the papers to the most closely related session, or merge two thematically similar sessions.

§ 9. 1. The presentation time is set at 7 minutes, followed by 3 additional minutes for discussion.

2. The maximum number of presentations in a single session, corresponding to the number of abstracts that may be accepted, is 10. The Committee reserves the right to modify the maximum number of abstracts accepted for a given session.

§ 10. 1. Multimedia presentations may be prepared using any software; however, the use of Microsoft Office PowerPoint or Adobe Reader is recommended.

2. Video recordings included in the presentations are not recommended, as their correct display cannot be guaranteed. The authors attach all animations and video files at their own responsibility.

3. Presentation files should be delivered to the corresponding Session Coordinators via email no later than 6 April 2026.

4. The Organisers do not take responsibility for technical difficulties or malfunction of presentations arising from file incompatibility.

§ 11. 1. Presentations take place according to a precise schedule set by the Committee. The schedule is communicated to participants at least 7 days prior to the Conference.

2. Further details for presenting authors will be provided via email by the Session Coordinators.

§ 12. Session Coordinators may exclude a scientific paper from the competition if the person registering the abstract or presenting the paper does not comply with the Conference Regulations.

§ 13. Eight best presenters selected from among the winners of the original research scientific sessions present their papers during the Plenary Session.

Chapter 3

Case Report Poster Sessions

§ 14. 1. The list of case report poster sessions to be held during the Conference is included in Appendix 2.

2. At case report poster sessions, posters are presented on site with an oral commentary. Each presentation lasts five minutes with additional three minutes for the discussion.

3. The following types of work may be presented:

- 1) case studies,
- 2) case series,
- 3) case-based reviews.

4. The maximum number of posters in a single session is 20. The Committee reserves the right to modify the maximum number of abstracts approved for a given session.

§ 15. Posters are to be printed by the presenter in A1 format (594 mm × 841 mm). The presenter is responsible for displaying the poster.

Chapter 4

Submission of Abstracts

§ 16. The abstracts are to be submitted by 23:55 CEST on 10 February 2026. The Committee reserves the right to extend the abstract submission deadline.

§ 17. 1. Abstracts are accepted exclusively in English and are to be submitted through electronic registration on the Conference Website.

2. Only the types of work listed in § 7 and 14 are to be accepted.

3. Abstracts shall comply with EQUATOR reporting guidelines (e.g. CONSORT, STROBE, CARE) appropriate for the type of work. Abstracts that do not fulfil these requirements may be rejected.

4. The abstract for original research scientific sessions consists of the following sections:

- 1) introduction;
- 2) aim of the study;
- 3) material and methods;
- 4) results;
- 5) conclusion.

5. The abstract for case report poster sessions consists of the following parts:

- 1) background;
- 2) case report;
- 3) conclusions.

6. An abstract may not exceed 2500 characters, including spaces. Title and internal section headings (e.g. introduction, aim of the study) are not included in the character count.

7. Abstract may not contain grids, graphs or images.

§ 18. 1. In all sessions, except the PhD Session, the presenter is an undergraduate, a master's student, or a graduate within one year of graduation.

2. An abstract is submitted by only one presenter, indicated in the registration form. In all sessions, the presenting person is one of the authors.

3. Each presenter may submit no more than three abstracts for original research scientific sessions and two for case report poster sessions.

§ 19. 1. The acceptance of the scientific abstracts is based on the evaluations given by at least two reviewers.

2. The author of the scientific work will be informed via email of the acceptance, assigned session, type of presentation, or rejection of the abstract no later than 20 March 2026.

3. The Committee reserves the right to extend the notification period due to unforeseen circumstances.

4. The decision regarding the type of assigned session, the form of presentation or the decline of an abstract is final.

§ 20. The acceptance process is considered complete upon payment of the conference fee.

Chapter 5

Conference Fee

§ 21. Registration fees are announced by the Committee on the opening day of registration. The registration fee is non-refundable.

§ 22. 1. Payment of the registration fee is made exclusively by bank transfer to the account of the Medical University of Warsaw (Student Scientific Society of the Medical University of Warsaw).

2. Bank account details are made available to participants after completion of the abstract submission and evaluation process. For passive participants, the details are provided after completion of the registration process.

3. Each participant who pays the registration fee is required to submit proof of the bank transfer in the designated section of the registration system within three days from the date of transfer.

§ 23. Participants wishing to receive an invoice are kindly requested to select the appropriate field in the registration system and provide invoice details in the designated section of the registration system.

Chapter 6

Jury and awards

§ 24. 1. Presentations are evaluated by a Jury appointed separately for each scientific session.

2. Each session has a Jury composed of recognised specialists in the relevant field.

3. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, a tutor or tutors of a paper submitted to the Conference may be members of the Jury but are excluded from evaluating scientific work conducted at their home research centre by any of their associates.

§ 25. 1. Presentations are assessed by the Jury according to the following criteria:

- 1) methodology;
- 2) presentation techniques;
- 3) scientific merit
- 4) conclusions;
- 5) attractiveness of the subject;
- 6) discussion;
- 7) independence of the work.

2. Based on the final score assigned by the Jury, the Session Coordinator or Coordinators deduct points for exceeding the allocated presentation time.

3. The assessment made by the Jury is final.

§ 26. 1. In each session, the Jury selects and awards at least one and no more than three best presentation awards (first place, second place, and third place).

2. In a situation where two or more presentations receive the same score, the awards are granted *ex aequo*.

3. Awards for the best presentations within sessions are presented during the closing ceremony.

4. Awards are financed from the budget allocated to the Student Scientific Society of the Medical University of Warsaw or by Sponsors.

Chapter 7

Final Clauses

§ 27. Authors and their tutors consent to the sharing and processing of data provided during registration, as well as to the publication of abstracts and Conference results on the websites of the Medical University of Warsaw, the Conference, and STN WUM, and in the published Conference proceedings, in accordance with the privacy policy attached as Appendix 3.

§ 28. 1. Registration of an abstract is tantamount to the acceptance of these Regulations by the authors and their tutors.

2. The tutor and the affiliating institution are informed of any breaches of scientific ethics or research integrity. Persons suspected of violating the law are reported to the competent legal authorities.

§ 29. Decisions made by the jury and reviewers are final.

§ 30. 1. Interpretation of these Regulations and resolution of matters not addressed herein rests with the Head of the Committee.

2. These Regulations become effective on the date of their publication on the official Conference website.

Appendix 1

ORIGINAL RESEARCH SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS AT THE 21ST WIMC

1. Basic & Preclinical Science Session I
2. Basic & Preclinical Science Session II
3. Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery Session
4. Dentistry & Maxillofacial Surgery Session
5. Dermatology Session
6. Endocrinology & Diabetes Session
7. Infectious Diseases Session
8. Internal Medicine Session
9. Laboratory Medicine Session
10. Laryngology, Audiology & Phoniatics Session
11. Lifestyle Medicine & Public Health Session
12. Microbiology & Antibiotics Session
13. Neurology & Neurosurgery Session
14. Obstetrics, Gynecology & Perinatology Session
15. Oncology & Hematology Session
16. Ophthalmology Session
17. Orthopaedics & Traumatology Session
18. Pediatrics & Neonatology Session
19. Pharmacy Session
20. PhD Session
21. Physiotherapy Session
22. Psychiatry & Clinical Psychology Session
23. Radiology Session
24. Rheumatology & Autoimmunity Session
25. Surgery Session

Appendix 2

CASE REPORT SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS AT THE 21ST WIMC

1. Case Report Oral Session
2. Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care Case Report Poster Session
3. Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery Case Report Poster Session
4. Emergency Case Report Poster Session
5. Internal Medicine Case Report Poster Session
6. Neurology & Neurosurgery Case Report Poster Session
7. Obstetrics, Gynecology & Perinatology Case Report Poster Session
8. Pediatrics Case Report Poster Session
9. Surgery Case Report Poster Session

Appendix 3

PRIVACY POLICY OF THE 21ST WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS – PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE PROCESSING OF PARTICIPANTS' PERSONAL DATA AT THE CONGRESS

Chapter 1

General Provisions

§ 1. The administrator of personal data collected in connection with the organisation and implementation of the 21st Warsaw International Medical Congress for Young Scientists is the Medical University of Warsaw, with its registered office at Żwirki i Wigury 61, 02-091 Warsaw, Poland, REGON: 000288917, NIP: 525 00 05 828.

§ 2. Personal data collected by the Administrator is processed in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), hereinafter referred to as “GDPR,” and the Act of 10 May 2018 on personal data protection.

§ 3. For the purposes of this Policy, the following terms have the meanings set out below:

- 1) Policy – this Policy;
- 2) Administrator –the Medical University of Warsaw, with its registered office at Żwirki i Wigury 61, 02-091 Warsaw, Poland, REGON: 000288917, NIP: 525 00 05 828;
- 3) Fanpage – the public social media profiles of the Medical University of Warsaw operated on platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube;
- 4) Congress – the 21st Warsaw International Medical Congress for Young Scientists, organised by the Student Scientific Society of the Medical University of Warsaw
- 5) Participant – a student who fulfils all conditions for participation in the Congress, as well as the student’s supervisor
- 6) GDPR – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, p. 1).

7) Personal data mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (data subject). An identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name and surname, an identification number, location data, an online identifier, or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity of that natural person.

Chapter 2

Personal Data Security

§ 4. The Administrator takes due care to protect the interests of the data subjects, ensuring that the data collected by them are:

- 1) processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject;
- 2) collected for specified, explicit, and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner incompatible with those purposes;
- 3) adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- 4) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date;
- 5) kept in a form that permits identification of the data subject for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed;
- 6) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of personal data, including protection against unauthorized or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, or damage, through appropriate technical or organisational measures, with access to the data limited to authorised persons.

Chapter 3

Scope of Data Collection, Categories of Processed Personal Data, and Data Retention Periods

§ 5. The Medical University of Warsaw processes personal data for the following purposes and on the following legal bases:

- 1) promotion and advertising of the Administrator's activities, including events related to and promoting the Congress, in the case of individuals who provide valid consent, and only to the extent specified by that consent, on the basis of Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR, for a period not exceeding the duration of the consent;

- 2) servicing Congress Participants, including the provision of current organisational information, on the basis of Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR, where the participant is a party to a contract;
- 3) fulfilment of obligations arising from national or European Union law, on the basis of Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR, including the processing of personal data contained in tax and accounting documents for settlement and archival purposes;
- 4) conducting email correspondence, where inquiries regarding the Congress are addressed to the Administrator, with the personal data of the sender processed exclusively for the purpose of communication and resolution of the matter concerned, on the basis of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR, representing the legitimate interest of the Administrator in conducting correspondence addressed to it or resolving matters related to the Congress.
- 5) management of the Congress website and operation of the Fanpage, including the processing of personal data made available by individuals visiting the Administrator's social media profiles (such as online identifiers, comments, and likes), for the purpose of enabling interaction with visitors to the website or Fanpage, effective administration of the Fanpage, provision of information on the Administrator's initiatives and activities, responding to user comments, and promotion of the Congress and related events; the legal basis for processing is Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR, i.e. the legitimate interest of the Administrator in managing the website and Fanpage;
- 6) pursuit of the Administrator's legitimate interests consisting in the analysis of data for analytical and statistical purposes; the legal basis for processing is Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR;
- 7) establishment, investigation, or defence of claims for the duration of the applicable limitation periods; the legal basis for processing is Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR, i.e. the legitimate interests pursued by the Administrator.

§ 6. The Administrator processes the following personal data of the user:

- 1) name and surname;
- 2) academic degree;
- 3) university, faculty, user's course of study;
- 4) image;
- 5) email address;
- 6) registration data of the user's university;
- 7) other data provided in the application form and statement.

§ 7. 1. In the case where the processing of data is based on consent (i.e., processing is carried out based on Article 6(1)(a) or Article 9(2)(a) of the GDPR) – the data is stored by the Administrator no later than the withdrawal of consent or the expiry of the period for which consent was given.

2. Where processing of personal data is based on the performance of a contract, that is, on Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR, the Administrator processes the data for the duration necessary to perform the contract. After that period, personal data contained in tax or accounting documentation are stored for the period required by applicable legal provisions and, where applicable, for the duration of the relevant limitation periods, in accordance with Article 6(1)(c) and Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR.

3. Personal data of users processed on the basis of the legitimate interest of the Administrator (Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR) for the period necessary to respond to the sent email message (e.g., via the contact form) and for the period of further correspondence, possibly for the time necessary to pursue claims.

§ 8. 1. For archival purposes, personal data will be processed for a period specified for individual archival categories, as indicated in the documentation collected by the Administrator in accordance with the Unified Schedule of WUM Acts developed on the basis of the regulation of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of October 20, 2015, on classifying and qualifying documentation, transferring archival materials to state archives, and discarding non-archival documentation (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2015, item 1743), or for the time of pursuing claims or defending the administrator against claims;

2. Except for the cases specified above, the data is kept by the Administrator until the effective objection or effective request for deletion of data is reported.

3. Upon expiry of the applicable processing period, personal data are irreversibly destroyed or anonymised.

Chapter 4

Disclosure of Personal Data

§ 9. 1. Users' personal data are transferred to service providers engaged by the Administrator in the course of its activities or to entities specified in the regulations.

2. Depending on the contractual arrangements and circumstances, service providers to whom personal data are transferred either process the data in accordance with the

Administrator's instructions as to the purposes and means of processing (data processors) or independently determine the purposes and means of processing (data administrators).

§ 10. Users' personal data are stored exclusively within the European Economic Area (EEA).

Chapter 5

Data Subjects' Rights (Information Clause)

§ 11. 1. The Administrator has appointed a Data Protection Officer, who may be contacted at the email address: iod@wum.edu.pl or by phone: +48 22 57 20320.

2. The Administrator takes due care to protect the interests of the persons whose data it processes, in particular, ensures that personal data are:

- 1) processed lawfully,
- 2) collected for specified, lawful purposes and not subject to further processing incompatible with those purposes,
- 3) accurate, relevant, and adequate in relation to the purposes for which they are processed, and stored in a form permitting identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary to achieve those purposes.

§ 12. The data subject has the right to access the content of their personal data and the right to correct, delete, limit processing, and the right to object. If the processing is based on the legitimate interest of the administrator, the data subject has no right to data portability or the right to withdraw consent.

§ 13. Provision of personal data by the user is voluntary; however, failure to provide such data prevents participation in the Congress.

§ 14. Legal bases for the data subject's request (person whose personal data is processed):

- 1) The right of access to data – Article 15 of the GDPR – applicable in all cases.
- 2) The right to data correction – Article 16 of the GDPR in each case where the data is incorrect.
- 3) The right to deletion of data (the right to be forgotten) – Article 17 of the GDPR when:
 - a) personal data are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed;

- b) the data subject has withdrawn consent on which the processing is based in accordance with Article 6(1)(a), and there is no other legal basis for processing;
 - c) the data subject has objected pursuant to Article 21(1) of the GDPR to processing and there are no overriding legitimate grounds for the processing or the data subject has objected pursuant to Article 21(2) of the GDPR to processing;
 - d) personal data has been processed unlawfully;
 - e) personal data must be erased to comply with a legal obligation under Union or Member State law to which the Administrator is subject.
- 4) The right to restriction of processing – Article 18 of the GDPR – in the following cases:
- a) the data subject contests the accuracy of personal data, for a period enabling the Administrator to verify the accuracy of the data;
 - b) processing is unlawful and the data subject opposes erasure of the personal data and requests restriction of their use instead;
 - c) the Administrator no longer needs the personal data for processing purposes, but the data are required by the data subject for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims;
 - d) the data subject objects to processing pursuant to Article 21(1) of the GDPR, pending verification of whether the Administrator’s legitimate grounds override those of the data subject.
- 5) The right to data portability – Article 20 of the GDPR – applicable where:
- a) processing is based on consent pursuant to Article 6(1)(a) or on a contract pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR; and
 - b) processing is carried out by automated means.
- 6) The right to objection – Article 21 of the GDPR – applies to the processing of personal data based on Article 6(1)(e) or (f) of the GDPR, including profiling based on these provisions. The Administrator is no longer allowed to process this personal data unless it demonstrates compelling legitimate grounds for processing, overriding the interests, rights, and freedoms of the data subject, or grounds for establishing, pursuing, or defending claims. If personal data is processed for direct marketing purposes (based on Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR), the data subject has the right to object at any time to such processing.

- 7) The right to delete data (the right to be forgotten) does not apply to the extent that processing is necessary for:
- a) the exercise of the right to freedom of expression and information;
 - b) compliance with a legal obligation requiring processing under Union or Member State law to which the Administrator is subject, or for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Administrator;
 - c) archival purposes in the public interest, for scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) of the GDPR, provided that it is likely that the right to object will make it impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the objectives of such processing; or
 - d) establishing, pursuing, or defending claims.
- 8) The right to withdraw consent – the data subject may withdraw consent at any time. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out on the basis of consent prior to its withdrawal.

§ 15. 1. To exercise the rights referred to in § 14, the data subject may send a relevant request by email to the address indicated in § 11(1).

2. Where a data subject exercises any of the rights referred to above, the Administrator complies with the request or refuses to comply with it without undue delay and, in any event, no later than one month from receipt of the request. Where, due to the complexity of the request or the number of requests received, the Administrator is unable to comply within one month, the period may be extended by a further two months. In such cases, the Administrator informs the data subject of the extension and the reasons for it within one month of receiving the request.

3. Where the data subject considers that the processing of personal data infringes the provisions of the GDPR, the data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office.

§ 16. 1. Providing personal data is voluntary but necessary, among others, to obtain an answer to the questions asked to us.

2. Failure to provide personal data results in the inability to provide or continue the services offered, including the conclusion of a contract.

Chapter 7

Final Provisions

§ 17. The Administrator applies appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the protection of processed personal data, taking into account the nature of the data and potential risks. In particular, the Administrator safeguards personal data against disclosure to unauthorised persons, acquisition by unauthorised persons, processing in breach of applicable law, and against alteration, loss, damage, or destruction.

§ 18. The Administrator implements appropriate technical measures to prevent unauthorised access to, and unauthorised modification of, personal data transmitted by electronic means.

§ 19. 1. Matters not regulated by this Privacy Policy are governed by the relevant provisions of the GDPR and other applicable Polish law.

2. This Privacy Policy is subject to regular review and updating. Any amendments resulting from changes in legal regulations or related to modifications of the Administrator's activities are communicated to users by means of an announcement published on the Congress website.