



AZVT Topic Category for Presentation or Poster

Wondering where your topic fits in? See the descriptions below:

Please note: If a topic has been presented several times in recent years, the Editorial Committee will ask you to rethink or reconsider how you are presenting your topic. They may request that you directly address the disease process and use a case as a supporting example, rather than discussing the case in detail. Refer to the Presentation Title History document on the Program Committee site (<https://azvt.org/Presentation-Info>) to see recent presentation/poster titles. If you have questions, please contact the Program Committee.

CASE STUDIES

The Case Studies section presents interesting, important, or unique medical cases. While one complicated medical case might provide your audience with valuable information regarding treatments and management, it may be that multiple cases could provide stronger evidence. Multiple cases may include conspecifics or it may be useful if a disease process occurred across species or enclosures.

It is recommended that you add a detailed discussion about the disease process, diagnostic methods, and all possible treatments (if applicable), as presenting these would benefit other members and offer possible options if those members are faced with a similar case.

CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

The Clinical Pathology section generally presents laboratory methods and research; these may include innovative research projects, comparison of different laboratory methods, or a detailed description of diagnostics used in identifying and managing disease processes. Reviews of laboratory methods are also useful and appreciated.

It is recommended that you add a robust literature review, being sure to address how the test method works and, if applicable, alternate or previous methods that can also be used. If the laboratory method was developed and/or conducted at your institution, be sure to provide a detailed materials and methods section such that others could follow behind you and repeat what you were able to accomplish.

HOSPITAL PROCEDURES

The Hospital Procedures section highlights non-laboratory methods that are used in practice. These have included the construction of a unique apparatus to accommodate certain animals for diagnostics and imaging, radiology techniques, pharmacy management, and innovative medical management techniques for a particular species.

Of course, you should discuss why the method, technique, or apparatus was necessary. It is also recommended that you add a detailed literature or source review to describe how you developed the method, technique, or apparatus. Be sure to provide a detailed materials and methods/description section such that others could follow behind you and repeat what you were able to accomplish.

**INNOVATIONS
AND UPDATES**

The Innovations and Updates section is unique in that it can encompass a variety of topics. An innovative technique that does not fit under any of the other categories would be appropriate in this category. Topics could include mental health, student management, field research, etc.

Any topic that is being updated or the presentation of a full research study following a trial study from a previous conference would also fall under this category. AZVT Grant recipients must present as a requirement for receiving the grant, and those presentations could be placed here as well.

As with the other sections, it is recommended that you add an explanation for why this topic is important and include relevant literature or resources to support your position. The description section may take a variety of forms, but it is always important to provide your readers with concrete information that they can use in their own practices.

POSTERS

Poster presentations will fall under one of the above categories and will be edited under the same deadlines as presentations. If quite a number of posters are submitted, a new Poster Section Chair may be selected to evaluate poster submissions separately.

The content of the material presented on posters is not subject to editorial review; however, if you would like to have the contents of your poster edited, please contact either your Section Chair or the Editor-in-Chief to request this. An example Poster Template is available on the Program Committee site (<https://azvt.org/Presentation-Info>).

Poster printing and delivery to the conference is up to the presenter. You may also want to consider providing a brief, one-page handout with a synopsis of your poster information for attendees to take home with them. Be sure to provide your contact information!

Please keep in mind that for any of these categories, the Editorial Committee may evaluate the scientific and medical merit of the medical decisions that were made for case studies, or the scientific and medical merit for your research methodology in clinical research or for procedures or treatments that are being reported. References that back up the laboratory methods or hospital procedures or treatments would be valuable to include. The RACE Committee will also be evaluating the content and merit of your submission.