



Jaffna Science Association

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Call for Abstracts

27th Annual Scientific Sessions

20th, 21st and 22nd of May, 2020

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The Jaffna Science Association (JSA) will hold its 27th Annual Scientific Sessions Communicating all disciplines of Scientific research Conference in 20th, 21st and 22nd of May, 2020. The JSA cordially invites you to submit a research abstract to be considered for presentation at the Annual Sessions.

Important dates

Call for Abstracts : 16/01/2020

Dead line to **Submission of Abstracts and Extended Abstracts**: 14/02/2020

Notification of Acceptance : 28/02/2020

Camera ready submission : 16/03/2020

Annual Sessions : May 2020

Suggested research themes

The primary theme of the 27th Annual Scientific Sessions is "Empowering Society Through Science and Technology Education".

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- Pure Science
- Applied Science
- Health Science
- Social Science

Submission guidelines and Review procedures

1. Author(s) wish to present their research work at the 27th Annual Scientific Sessions of the JSA should submit **an abstract** along with **an extended abstract**.
2. The extended abstracts are solely for refereeing purpose and the accepted abstracts will be published in the proceedings of the JSA. Electronic version of both documents must be submitted via www.thejsa.org website. All the queries related to submission must be directed to thejsaeditor@gmail.com.
3. **Extended Abstract** should NOT consist authors' name or other information.
4. Annexed declaration form must be duly perfected and signed by all-authors.
5. All correspondence regarding submitted papers will be addressed only to the author listed in the declaration form as the author for correspondence.
6. Authors may suggest the section of the JSA to which the abstract is submitted.



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7. Authors could, if they wish, submit and present their paper in Tamil. It is preferable to submit four copies of an English translation in addition to the four copies of the original Tamil version.

Review procedure

1. Each section will have a review committee comprising the President of the JSA, Sectional chairman and the editor. The committee will acquire experts' advice if necessary.
2. The review committee will check the submitted documents and if all the guidelines were met the documents (abstract and extended abstract) will be sent to suitable reviewers.
3. The JSA uses double-blind review, which means that both the reviewer and author identities are concealed from the reviewers, and vice versa, throughout the review process.
4. The review committee will forward the comments received from the referees to the corresponding authors.
5. Authors are expected to consider the reviewers comments and respond back within two weeks or as informed by the committee. If corrections and/or modifications are expected by the reviewers and the authors accept them, they should send the corrected documents.
6. The review committee will check the appropriateness of the author's response and/or whether the expected corrections and /or modifications are attained. Based on this the review committee will decide whether to accept an abstract or not.

Publication and Presentation

The accepted abstracts will be published in the "Proceedings of the 27th Annual Sessions" of the JSA that carry an ISSN number. In addition, all the accepted abstracts will be made available via the Official website of JSA – www.thejsa.org.

An accepted work shall be presented by an author (**only one presenter**) at the Annual sessions. Presenter and author(s) should be the members of JSA. If proposed presenter is unable to present the paper, his/her responsibility to arrange co-author of the paper to present it. Changes in presenter's name should be informed three day prior to the presentation date. If changes made on the day or before, certificates will not be issued in changed name. If the paper is not presented at all, the authors will be debarred from submitting abstracts for two succeeding years and warning letter will be sent to higher authority where you are working.



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Abstract and Extended abstract format

The electronic version should be submitted in Microsoft Word 2007 or latest format with the following formatting:

If the abstract is in English, then the text should be in 12pt Times New Roman font with double line spacing. If it is in Tamil, then the text should be typed in using Unicode method with double line spacing. The size of the paper should be A4 and 2.5cm margins should be allocated to top, bottom, left and right sides.

(a) Guidelines for abstract

1. The abstract should not exceed 250 words. It should cover all aspects of the work. i.e. Background and Objectives, Research design/material and methods, Results, Discussion and conclusions.
2. The authors should report only the results of their original research. Any part of the research should not have been published or presented elsewhere.
3. The title of the paper should be concise and specific. It should reflect the contents of the research as a whole.
4. Tables, diagrams and photographs should not be included.
5. Key words (maximum six) should be provided with the abstract.

(b) Guidelines for submission of extended abstract.

1. The extended abstract should not exceed 600 words. Given below is the general outline. The extended abstract should include with the expected maximum number of words:
 - a. Background and Objectives - 100 words.
 - b. Research design/material and methods - 200 words.
 - c. Results and discussion - 250 words.
 - d. Conclusion - 50 words.
2. Tables and diagrams should be included only if essential.
3. References (not more than five) should be given in 'Harvard format' (style guide can also be found here: <http://guides.is.uwa.edu.au/harvard>).