



AI Usage Charter for Abstract Writing

1. Preamble

The organisers of the ESPN 2027 Congress recognise the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) tools — particularly generative AI — to support research, writing, and the preparation of presentations. This charter sets out guidelines for their responsible use, in order to safeguard academic integrity, scientific quality, and compliance with ethical and legal standards.

2. Scope and Definitions

This charter applies to all materials submitted or presented at the ESPN 2027 Congress, including abstracts, posters, oral presentations, slide decks, demonstrations, and related communication materials.

“AI” refers to any automated system capable of generating, transforming, or analysing text, images, code, audio, or data, including conversational assistants and generative AI tools.

3. General Principles

Authors and speakers remain fully responsible for the scientific content they submit or present, regardless of any AI-assisted processes. AI tools should be used as aids to the research and writing process, not as substitutes for researchers’ intellectual, critical, and creative contributions.

4. Permitted Uses (under conditions)

The use of AI tools is permitted for:

- **Language enhancement:** proofreading, rephrasing, and translation, provided all outputs are critically reviewed by the authors.
- **Text structuring:** outlining or helping to organise sections, titles, or presentation materials.
- **Exploratory analysis:** text summarisation, keyword suggestions, or data visualisation, provided the results are verified and interpreted by the authors.

These uses should not compromise methodological rigour or introduce unverified or inaccurate information.

5. Prohibited Uses

The following uses of AI tools are not permitted in the context of ESPN 2027:

- Full generation of abstracts or presentations without substantial intellectual input from the authors.

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- Fabrication of data, results, or bibliographic references by AI.
- Use of AI with confidential or sensitive data when appropriate data protection and confidentiality safeguards are not ensured.
- Use of AI to bypass citation rules, plagiarism policies, or intellectual property regulations.

Serious breaches may lead to rejection of the submission or removal of the presentation from the congress programme.

6. Transparency and Disclosure

Authors are required to disclose any substantial use of AI tools in their submitted work. A brief statement may be included in the Acknowledgements, Methodology, or a dedicated note, for example:

“This work made use of artificial intelligence tools for language editing and rephrasing; the scientific content was developed and validated by the authors.”

7. Data Protection and Compliance

Authors must ensure that their use of AI complies with applicable data protection and confidentiality requirements, particularly regarding personal or research data. They should not submit protected or non-anonymized data to third-party AI services without appropriate legal safeguards.

8. Ethics, Bias, and Non-Discrimination

Participants are encouraged to be mindful of potential biases, discrimination, or stereotypes that may arise from AI systems. When relevant, these risks should be acknowledged in communications, and measures should be taken to mitigate them.

9. Implementation and Future Revisions

The Scientific Committee of the ESPN 2027 Congress is responsible for ensuring compliance with this charter and may request clarification from authors in case of doubt. The charter may be revised for future editions of the congress to reflect technological and regulatory developments.