

# GUIDELINES FOR FREE PAPERS

## Specialties with Awards are highlighted

1. Cataract (Dr Subala Kar Award)
2. Community / Social Ophthalmology (Dr S.C. Das Award)
3. Cornea (Dr I.M. Sahoo Award)
4. Vitreo-Retina (Dr B.N.R. Subudhi Award)
5. External Disease & Lacrimal
6. Glaucoma (Dr B.S. Mishra Award)
7. PG PAPER section (Dr R.C. Meher Award)
8. Neuro Ophthalmology
9. Ocular Pathology, Ocular Oncology and Tumors
10. Optics / Refraction / Contact Lens
11. Orbit & Oculoplasty
12. Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus
13. Trauma
14. Uvea
15. Innovation in Ophthalmology (Dr U.C. Behera & Dr G.S. Dash Award)
16. best of best paper (Dr K.C. Mohanty Award)

## General Guidelines

All free paper awards are given to the presenting author only.

**The presenting author and the co-authors MUST ALL BE MEMBER OF OSOS to contest for an award**

## Eligibility for OSOS Award:

1. The submitted paper should not have been published in indexed journal/submitted for publication in indexed journal.
2. Papers presented in other conferences can be submitted and shall be eligible for OSOS Award.
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4. Free Paper duration is 4 minutes only plus 2 mins questions/ answers
5. No change in presenting author is allowed during Free paper final session
6. Institution / hospital affiliation and doctor's name in the title or abstract should not be mentioned and will lead to automatic rejection

## How many authors a Free Paper can have?

1. A free paper can have one presenting author and up to 3 co-authors. (4 authors in total)
2. One of the above 4 authors can be the presenting author of the free paper
3. All 4 authors should be a member of OSOS

## Awards

1. The best paper of each session will be recognised by the OSOS Scientific Committee and a “Best Paper of Sessions (BPOS)” certificate with earlier mentioned award for each session shall be issued
2. A colour photograph of the presenting author of the best paper shall be sent to the scientific committee for inclusion in the OSOS website

## Best papers to OJO first

1. All the SELECTED BEST PAPERS from each session should be submitted to ODJO [editor@ojo.in] first for possible publication
2. The authors cannot submit the selected BEST PAPERS to any other journal unless it has been rejected by ODJO after the peer review process
3. The final decision about the article by the “Editor – OJO” will be taken within 6 months after the submission
4. If the authors have already submitted it elsewhere for consideration for publication, they must declare the same. Such paper(s) can be presented but will not be considered for “Best paper of the session award.”

## Certificates

1. The Scientific Committee shall issue a certificate of presentation to all the authors of the free paper which was read at the conference
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1. Whether the research has been carried out in Odisha
2. Has this submission been presented in any other conference earlier
3. Would this submission be presented in any other conferences prior to the upcoming annual conference of OSOS
4. Has this submission won any National / International Award earlier
5. Was this submission published or submitted for publication in any peer reviewed journal.
6. Does this paper pertain to Laboratory research (Translational research).

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