

Call for Abstracts

APHL ID Lab Con 2027



Submission Deadline:
October 2, 2026

Acceptance/Rejection Notice:
November 18, 2026

General Information

Please submit your abstract online. See instructions below.

All presenters must register for ID Lab Con 2027 and assume responsibility for their own transportation, lodging and registration fees. See registration information on the conference website and below.

Abstracts may be presented as oral presentations or poster presentations.

Abstracts not accepted for oral presentations may be considered for poster presentations.

There is no limit on the number of abstracts that registrants may submit. However, speakers must be in attendance for their presentations.

NEW THIS YEAR: Poster and oral abstract submissions are being accepted for the ID Lab Con – Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) Conference Workshop which will be held on Monday, March 15, 2027.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts submitted for ID Lab Con 2027 will be evaluated for acceptance by the planning committee. Please be sure to follow the format instructions carefully; failure to do so may result in rejection.

Abstract submission must be received no later than October 2, 2026. Use the online abstract submission form and follow the directions at:

You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission. All correspondence will be made with the person who submits the abstract.

Access the Website



APHL membership is not required for presenting at ID Lab Con.

View abstract criteria and formats on next page >>

www.aphl.org/IDLabCon

Contact Information

Questions regarding abstract submission may be directed to:

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Conference Registration

\$750 Early (*through February 10, 2027*)

\$800 Late (*after February 10, 2027*)

\$200 Student* (*current ID required*)

\$450 Fellow*

\$200 Preconference Workshop

Registration must be completed online. All registration fees are payable in US dollars. Name badges, programs and other materials will be distributed on site at the conference registration desk.

** A student is someone who pays the registration fee out of pocket without reimbursement. A fellow receives a stipend to pay the registration fee.*

Poster Award

A certificate and a gift card will be awarded for best poster! Posters will be judged equally on the following criteria:

- Importance and Relevancy
- Broad Interest of the Topic
- Educational Value
- Design and Layout

Oral and Poster Presentation Abstract Criteria and Formats

Abstracts must accurately and briefly describe:

- the problem studied and/or objectives;
- methodology;
- significant results, including statistical significance where applicable; and
- conclusions and/or implications.

Abstracts must report the results of original findings pertinent to the subject matter. Technical abstracts should describe the results of evaluations, studies or experiences represented in the categories listed to the right.

Oral Presentations

The planning committee is primarily looking for presentations that are technical in nature. However, submissions of case studies, educational or non-technical matter will also be considered. Abstracts not accepted for oral presentations may be considered for poster presentations. The planning committee is seeking to represent perspectives from all stakeholders within the infectious disease laboratory community in each session. Submissions from public health laboratories, clinical laboratories, epidemiology, industry, infection prevention and academia are encouraged.

Sessions that demonstrate collaboration between different stakeholders are strongly encouraged.

Format: A number of 15- to 30-minute oral presentations will be slotted for each 60-, 90- or 120-minute session. Specific length for each presentation will be determined during the review process. LCD projectors will be available. PowerPoint presentations are required to be in 16x9 widescreen format, and required to be loaded onto the conference laptops prior to the session.

Poster Presentations

APHL is offering the option to present posters in either a digital or printed format.

Printed Format: Freestanding 44”h x 44”w poster boards will be provided. Please design your poster to fit the board size. Handouts are permitted.

Digital Format: Digital posters should be displayed on a single slide with a 16:9 aspect ratio (ratio of width to height). Body text for digital posters should be a minimum of 24 pt, with larger fonts used for headings and titles to ensure readability from a distance of several feet. The digital poster upload must be a PDF.

Please visit our [Presenter Resource Center](#) for content and conduct guidelines for speakers and presentations at APHL events.

Categories / Topics

Biosafety and Biosecurity

e.g., laboratory exposures or evidence-based biosafety

Diagnostic Microbiology

e.g., assay comparisons or testing algorithms

Emerging Technologies

e.g., automation or near patient/point of care diagnostics

Global Health Concerns

e.g., eradication of infectious diseases or emerging zoonoses

Infectious Disease Outbreaks and Surveillance

e.g., vaccine preventable disease, molecular epidemiology approaches

One Health

e.g., climate change and infectious diseases

Pathogen Genomics (Also Considered for AMD Workshop)

e.g. metagenomics, bioinformatics workflows, regulatory frameworks

Educational Session Submission Criteria and Proposal Format

The planning committee will consider proposals for a limited number of educational sessions. The conference includes 90-minute plenary and breakout sessions. Sessions generally have a moderator and 3–4 speakers. Panel discussions or other interactive/informational sessions generally addressing a specific issue, program or core public health function may be appropriate but are unlikely to be prioritized. All sessions should include evidence-based data. The planning committee may request that speakers from accepted oral abstracts be included in accepted session proposals.

Educational session proposals should include:

- Proposed session topic and description
- Session objectives
- Suggested speaker names and designations
- Tentative talk titles

The planning committee will consider abstracts covering a broad cross section of infectious diseases and emerging laboratory technologies. Abstracts must report the results of original findings pertinent to the subject matter. Abstracts should describe the results of evaluations, studies or experiences on the topics listed above.