

## **Innovating Indigenous Medicine: From Tradition to Transformation**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026.**

### **Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts**

The Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, invites researchers, academics, undergraduate and postgraduate students, and industry professionals to submit abstracts for the **International Conference on Ayurveda, Unani & Siddha Medicine (ICAUS 2026)**. Selected abstracts will be considered for oral presentations at the technical sessions of ICAUS 2026, which will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026**.

#### **Deadline for the submission of Abstracts: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

To be considered for evaluation, each submission should include the following documents:

1. **Abstract** - Should not exceed **300 words** (excluding the title and author affiliations, acknowledgments, and key words) and formatted according to the attached template.
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- v. The title should be brief and reflect the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title and proper nouns.
- vi. The text of the abstract should not exceed 300 words excluding title, author affiliations, acknowledgments, and keywords.
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