Regulations of the MoReMED Student Congress – XII Edition

15–16 April 2027

FOREWORD

These Regulations provide essential information regarding participation in the Congress. Careful reading of the provisions and guidelines detailed below is strongly recommended to take full advantage of this personal and professional development opportunity.

The Organizing Committee reserves the sole, indisputable right to amend or supplement these Regulations, in whole or in part, should organizational requirements dictate and solely in the best interest of the Congress.
Any amendments will be officially announced in a timely manner across institutional channels: the official website (www.moremed.unimore.it) and Instagram (@congresso_moremed).

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1. PROJECT AIMS

The primary objective of the “MoReMED Student Congress” is to offer students in the medical and healthcare fields the opportunity to act as **peer-to-peer** communicators rather than mere consumers of scientific research.
Participation broadens the **educational offering** defined by the curricula of the Single-Cycle Degree in Medicine and Surgery and related healthcare and biomedical degree courses.
The project aims to encourage student interest in areas of notable extra-curricular relevance, while promoting critical skills in **autonomous scientific literature research**, teamwork, and **effective communication** of evidence-based findings.

1.1 Modality of the XII Edition

The XII Edition of the MoReMED Student Congress will be held in person on **15 and 16 April 2027** at the Didactic Services Center (*Centro Servizi Didattici*) of the UNIMORE Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Via Largo del Pozzo 71, Modena (MO), Italy.

2. ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

"Active Participants" or "Presenting Students" refer to students applying to present a scientific work within one of the 24 slots designated as “Student Presentations”.

2.1 Eligibility Criteria

Students across Italy meeting any of the following profiles may apply:

➔ Students regularly enrolled in Year II, III, IV, V, or VI of a Single-Cycle Master's Degree in **Medicine and Surgery**, or **Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics**.

➔ Students regularly enrolled in Year III of a Bachelor’s Degree (3-year program) in **Healthcare Professions**.

➔ Students regularly enrolled in Year I or II of a Master’s Degree in **Healthcare Professions**.

➔ Students regularly enrolled in Year III, IV, or V of a Single-Cycle Master's Degree in **Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology (CTF)**.

➔ Students regularly enrolled in Master’s Degree programs in **Biology** with a medical-healthcare or biomedical focus.

➔ Students regularly enrolled in Master’s Degree programs in **Biotechnology** with a medical-healthcare or biomedical focus.

➔ **Recent graduates** in **Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics** who graduated during the academic year **preceding** the Congress.

➔ **Recent graduates** of Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree programs in **Healthcare Professions** who graduated during the academic year **preceding** the Congress.

To foster broader inclusion, applications from students regularly enrolled in Medicine and Surgery or related medical-healthcare and biomedical programs at **foreign universities** will also be considered.

N.B.: Applications that do not meet these criteria will be automatically disqualified.

2.2 Conditions

Group Format

Applicants may apply individually or in teams of up to three (3) members.
No applicant may belong to more than one group, and no group may submit more than one abstract.

Required Subject Matter

Submissions must align with the core objective of expanding the educational scope of the Medicine and Surgery degree and related programs:

- Students in Medicine and Surgery must focus on **extracurricular subjects** or **advanced**, cutting-edge explorations of curricular topics.
- Students in Dentistry, Healthcare Professions, Experimental and Applied Biology, Medical Biotechnology, and Pharmacy/CTF must submit works addressing topics **interdisciplinary** with or **relevant** to the **medical field**.

N.B.: Submissions failing to meet these topic parameters will be automatically

rejected.

2.3 Presentation Types

Submissions may fall under two categories:

1. **Original Article:** A recently published or unpublished study reporting findings from research led by the applicant's physician/faculty supervisor, in which the applicant actively participated or had verified access to data.
2. **Review Article:** A critical review of scientific literature on a defined subject.

The article type must be specified in the online application form. Organizers will notify applicants of any discrepancies between the submitted content and selected type to allow appropriate reclassification.

2.4 Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted via the online form available on institutional channels (www.moremed.unimore.it and @congresso_moremed).
The form requires:

- Personal details of each group member.
- Full name and title of the supervising physician/faculty tutor.
- Abstract of the project

The abstract must be a maximum **3,000 characters, spaces included**, plus a core bibliography of up to three (3) references. The reference list is excluded from the character count. Abstracts must be written in either Italian or English.

Submission Window: Opens **Monday, 2 November 2026 at 00:00 (CET)** and closes **Monday, 1 February 2027 at 23:59 (CET)**.

2.5 Selection Process

Evaluation Criteria & Methodology

Submissions will be assessed by a Selection Committee of faculty members and researchers from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE). Reviewers evaluate each abstract on a scale from 1 to 10 across three criteria:

A. **Relevance and Originality of Topic:** Significance in the medical-scientific landscape and relevance of the research question or clinical presentation.
B. **Methodological Rigor and Study Design:** Soundness of the research methodology (e.g., observational, experimental, systematic review) and data transparency.
C. **Consistency of Results and Conclusions:** Logical coherence and alignment of conclusions with presented data.

To preserve strict anonymity and unbiased evaluation, the Selection Committee will receive only the title, abstract, submission type, university, and degree course. Candidate and tutor names will be withheld.

Selection Committee Composition

The panel comprises **three (3)** members—one representative from each of the three departments within UNIMORE's Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (BMN, CHIMOMO, SMECHIMAI). If a committee member is listed as an applicant's tutor, they must **recuse** themselves from evaluating that abstract; they will be substituted by the **President of the Degree Program** in Medicine and Surgery.

Scoring System

The score awarded by each reviewer is the arithmetic mean of the marks given for each of the three criteria specified above. The candidate's final score is calculated by adding together the scores awarded by each reviewer.

Since each of the three criteria is evaluated on a scale from 1 to 10, summing the scores awarded by the reviewers results in a final score expressed out of 30 (maximum 30/30).

Tie-Breaking Criteria

In the event of identical final scores, ties are resolved according to the following hierarchy:

I Criterium Priority is given to **Original Articles** over Review Articles.
II Criterium If the study type is identical, priority is given to works demonstrating higher **project advancement** and **data solidity.**
III Criterium If still tied, priority is granted to **currently enrolled students** over recent graduates.

Selection Outcomes

Rankings will be established in descending score order:

- The top **14 abstracts** will be selected for Oral Presentation in the **Plenary Session**.
- The next **10 abstracts** will be allocated to the **Poster Session**.
- Remaining eligible abstracts will be placed on a reserve waiting list.

Rankings will be published by **Monday, 22 February 2027**. Across all sessions, preference in slot allocation is given to Original Articles, subject to application volume.

N.B.: To preserve high scientific standards, only abstracts achieving a final score greater than 18/30 will be deemed eligible for presentation.

2.6 Post-Selection Requirements

Confirmation

Selected authors will be notified by email and must confirm their acceptance no later than **Monday, 1 March 2027**. Unconfirmed slots or withdrawals will trigger roll-down offers to reserve candidates. Once slots are finalized, accepted abstracts will appear on the website with author and tutor names.

Material Preparation & Submission

- *Plenary Session:* Selected speakers must submit their final presentation in PowerPoint format, **drafted entirely in English**, to moremed@unimore.it.
- *Poster Session:* Selected presenters must email their final poster file (.pdf or .jpg format), **drafted entirely in English**, to moremed@unimore.it.

All digital materials must be submitted no later than **Monday, 22 March 2027**.

Poster presenters are responsible for printing their posters and delivering physical copies to the organizing desk no later than the morning of the presentation. Compliance with submission deadlines and formats is mandatory.

N.B.: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to extend these deadlines by up to two weeks, with public notice given at least seven days before the original deadline.

2.7 Deadlines & Timeline

Stage	Deadline
Applications Open	**Monday 2 November 2026**
Applications Close	**Monday 1 February 2027**
Results & Rankings Published	**Monday 22 February 2027**
Participation Confirmation	**Monday 1 March 2027**
Final Slide/Poster Submission	**Monday 22 March 2027**

2.8 Presentations

Teams may comprise 1 to 3 members. Presentations may be delivered by one or multiple team members, provided they were listed in the original application. If co-presenters cannot attend, a single designated team member may present alone; **substituting external individuals is not permitted**.

N.B.: Plenary presentations will be live-streamed on YouTube, and scientific posters will be uploaded to the official website. Submitting an application implies consent to audio-visual recording and publication.

Plenary Session

Held on **Thursday, 15 April and Friday, 16 April 2027** at the Centro Servizi Didattici. Each presentation is allotted a maximum of **12 minutes, followed by 3 minutes of Q&A**. Exceeding time limits will result in immediate interruption. Presentations may be spoken in Italian or English; choice of spoken language does not influence scoring. Speakers must

use provided presentation computers; personal laptops are prohibited.

Poster Session

Held on **Thursday, 15 April 2027** at the Centro Servizi Didattici.
Poster discussions may be held in Italian or English; language choice carries no penalty or score benefit.

2.9 Evaluation

Plenary Evaluation

During the Plenary Session across the two Congress Days, presenters will be assessed by a single Evaluation Committee comprising **six (6)** designated faculty members and researchers from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

The evaluators will award a score ranging from 1 to 10 points for each of the following criteria:

- **Expository correctness**
- **Communicative effectiveness**
- **Scientific presentation rigor**
- **Quality of the PowerPoint presentation**

The evaluation may also include open-ended remarks at the discretion of each evaluator.

Poster Evaluation

In the Poster Session, presenters will be assessed by a dedicated Evaluation Committee comprising **five (5)** faculty members and researchers from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

The evaluators will award a score ranging from 1 to 10 points for each of the following criteria:

- **Expository correctness**
- **Communicative effectiveness**
- **Quality of the Poster**

The evaluation may also include open-ended remarks at the discretion of each evaluator.

Final Score Calculation

The score awarded by each evaluator corresponds to the arithmetic mean of the marks given for each of the criteria specified above. The presenter's final score is calculated by adding together the scores awarded by each evaluator.

Since each criterion is evaluated on a scale from 1 to 10, summing the scores awarded by each evaluator results in a final score expressed **out of 60** (maximum 60/60) for the **Plenary Session** and **out of 50** (maximum 50/50) for the **Poster Session**.

A **3-point bonus** awarded to Original Works will be added to this score.

Tie-Breaking Criteria for Presentations

In the event of identical final scores, ties are resolved according to the following hierarchy:

I Criterium Priority given to **Original Articles** over Review Articles.
II Criterium If tied, priority based on the score in **"Communicative effectiveness"**; then **"Expository correctness"**; then PowerPoint/Poster quality.
III Criterium If still tied, priority awarded to the candidate enrolled in the lower academic year.

2.10 Awards

Award ceremonies will take place during the second day of the Congress, recognizing the top-performing Plenary and Poster works by category.

2.11 Rankings

Final scores will be posted on institutional channels by **Friday, 23 April 2027**. Rankings will be published anonymously, listing only the title of the work and the achieved score.

2.12 Credits

- *UNIMORE Medicine and Surgery Students:* **1 ADE credit** upon selection and completed presentation.
- *Other degree programs / outside universities:* Subject to individual petition and approval by respective Degree Program Boards.

3. PASSIVE PARTICIPANTS

"Passive Participants" or "Student Attendees" refer to students attending the Congress sessions as audience members.

3.1 Eligibility Criteria

Attendance is open to all interested individuals upon registration. The event is targeted primarily toward students in Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry, Healthcare Professions, Biological Sciences, Biotechnology, and Pharmacy/CTF.

3.2 Registration

Registration opens **Monday, 22 March 2027** and must be completed exclusively via the online form on the official website.

3.3 Costs

Participation is entirely **free** of charge.

3.4 Credits

- *UNIMORE Medicine and Surgery Students enrolled before AY 2020/2021:* **0.25 ADE credits** per completed half-day session.
- *UNIMORE Medicine and Surgery Students enrolled from AY 2020/2021 onward:* **0.2 ADE credits** per completed half-day session.
- *Other students / outside universities:* Dependent on individual approval by relevant academic degree boards.

4. CONTACT & COMMUNICATIONS

For inquiries, contact the organizing office at the following addresses:

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SPONSORSHIP INQUIRIES: *sponsor.moremed@unimore.it*

For all the other communications and exceptions listed in the previous sections, please contact the Organizing Committee at: *moremed@unimore.it*

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