Call for the most outstanding oral communications and posters of the 6th IRBLleida Annual Scientific Symposium (2026)

The 6th Annual Scientific Symposium of the Biomedical Research Institute of Lleida (IRBLleida) will take place on the 11th of December 2026 at La Llotja de Lleida. This Symposium aims to improve the **visibility** of the research carried out by the different research groups of IRBLleida. The first part will be dedicated to present the Institute's research areas and the second part will highlight the most recent findings with posters and oral communications.

The organising committee of the Annual Scientific Symposium of the IRBLleida encourages everyone to participate.

The submission guidelines for the presentation of abstracts for both posters and oral communications are the following:

1. Nominations

Researchers currently affiliated to IRBLleida.

The IRBLleida, willing to promote research dissemination among the scientific community, announces **one prize of 400€ for the most outstanding oral communication** and **five awards of 100€ each for the most outstanding posters** presented on the 11th December 2026 at the 6th Annual Scientific Symposium of the Institute.

2. Submission Guidelines

General instructions for abstract submission

- All researchers aiming to participate either in a **poster presentation** or in an **oral communication** must submit an **abstract**.
- All abstracts should be submitted using the registration form (https://www.irblleida.org/en/forms/irblleida-annual-scientific-symposium-2026/). During submission, the presenting author will find a box to attach the abstract in *pdf* format and will be able to apply for either poster presentation or oral communication.
- The deadline for abstract submission is **17th November 2026 at 23:59h.** Late applications will not be accepted.
- All abstracts must have a **maximum of 300 words** (title, authors, and affiliations not included) and must be written in **English**.
- We recommend that the abstracts include the following information: title, authors (with the presenting author highlighted), affiliations, background, objectives, material and methods, results, and conclusions.

Instructions for poster presentations

- All abstracts submitted for poster presentations will be presented at the Annual Symposium that will take place on the 11th of December 2026. If the number of submitted posters exceeds the available space, the scientific committee will select the posters to be presented based on their excellence.
- The content of poster presentations must be in English.
- The duration of the presentation to the evaluators should not exceed 5 minutes.
- The size of the poster panels is 90cm wide by 1.90cm high.
- All posters must be sent to Communication (comunicacio@irblleida.cat) in *pdf* format before **9th December 2026** and brought printed the day of the symposium.

Instructions for oral communications

- The scientific committee will select the **5** most outstanding oral communications to be presented based on the excellence of the abstract and in a manner that all the main areas of the institute are represented.
- The selected oral communications will be announced on **30th November 2026** by an email to the presenter.
- The duration of the oral communication will be **15 minutes (10 minutes for the presentation + 5 minutes for questions).**
- Oral communications must be in English.
- The non-selected abstracts for oral communication will be eligible for poster presentation.

3. Evaluation of the proposals submitted

The selection of the **most outstanding posters** will be based on the public vote of those registered for the conference (25%) and on a jury composed of members of the Scientific Committee (75%), in accordance with the established criteria. A voting system for the assistants will be set up on the day of the Symposium. Only one vote per person will be allowed.

The selection of the **most outstanding oral communication** will be based on the public vote of those registered for the conference (25%) and on a jury composed of members of the Scientific Committee (75%), in accordance with the established criteria. A voting system for the assistants will be set up on the day of the Symposium. Only one vote per person will be allowed.

The jury will evaluate the rigour, content, and scientific interest of the research, together with the clarity and ability of the presenting author to communicate it. The jury's decision will be disclosed at the closing ceremony. The prizes will also be awarded at the closing ceremony.

4. Awards

a. 6 awards will be delivered:
   i. 5 prizes of 100€ each for the most outstanding posters.
   ii. 1 prize of 400€ for the most outstanding oral communication.
b. The economic endowment of the award will be made effective through a bank deposit to the presenting author.

c. The award will be announced on the 11th of December at the Annual Scientific Symposium of the Biomedical Research Institute of Lleida (IRBLleida).
d. Attendance at the symposium is mandatory to receive the prize.
e. If the winner is not present at the time of the award ceremony, the prize will be awarded to the next candidate.

Organising and Scientific Committee of the Annual Scientific Symposium of the Biomedical Research Institute of Lleida (IRBLleida).