

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the registration and abstract submission deadlines?

Registration to attend the Future of Malaria Meeting is open June to September. If you want to attend the Meeting but do not wish to present a talk or poster, you may register at any time in this period, until we reach capacity.

Abstract submission is open June to September 8th. If you wish to submit an abstract, you must register and submit your abstract before this date. Registration is via Eventbrite and abstract submission is via email to malaria.conference@gmail.com.

How are abstracts selected for a talk or poster?

Abstracts are selected by the Meeting organizers based on scientific merit, with consideration for the career stage of the researcher and area of malaria research. Abstracts from young researchers and those covering diverse research topics will be favored, consistent with the aims and mission of the Meeting.

What is the format of the talks?

Standard research talks are 12 minutes plus 2 minutes question time. Turbo talks that have accompanying posters are strictly limited to 3 minutes without question time.

What are turbo talks?

Turbo talks are a new initiative designed to help promote posters of particular interest. Researchers present 1-2 slides with data from their poster in a short talk to highlight key methods or results. Audience members are then encouraged to ask questions about the research at the subsequent poster session.

What are the recommended poster dimensions?

Posters should be no larger than 40 x 60 inches or approx 100 x 150 cm to be accommodated by our poster boards.

When do I find out if my abstract was selected?

Researchers will be notified in October if their abstract is selected for a standard research talk, turbo talk, or poster presentation.

What if my abstract is not selected for a talk?

By default, all abstracts not selected for a talk will automatically be considered for a poster. Please note if you wish to be considered only for a talk, you may include this information in your abstract.

Does the Meeting publish an abstract book?

We have elected not provide a physical abstract book to reduce the environmental impact of the Meeting. An electronic list of abstracts for talks and posters will be emailed to registrants with the Meeting program.

When is the Meeting program available?

We will email the program and other important information about parking, security and logistics on the day to registrants a few days before the Meeting.

Are travel grants available?

As the Meeting is free, we currently do not offer travel grants.

Can I request a letter of support for my visa application?

Yes, you can contact Meeting organizers malaria.conference@gmail.com if US immigration requires documents to support your visa application. Please write "Visa support letter required" in your email header to ensure a quick response.

What do I need to bring to the Meeting?

Hopkins University Security requires all visitors to show photographic identification to access to the building. Please ensure you bring an appropriate form of ID. You may also wish to bring laptops, tablets, or pens and paper to make notes during the Meeting.

How do I get to the Meeting?

This year's Meeting is at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, located at the corner of E Monument and N Wolfe Street at the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus. Parking is available near the School of Public Health at the Washington Garage for \$12 a day, and also in the visitors parking garage for the Hospital.

If you are staying in Baltimore, you can also travel to the Meeting using the free City Circulator (www.charmcitycirculator.com) or the Johns Hopkins University Homewood-Peabody-JHMI free shuttle service (<http://ts.jhu.edu/Shuttles/>). Both the City Circulator Green line and Hopkins University Shuttle drop off at the center of the Hopkins Medical Campus, a short walk from the School of Public Health.

How do I get from BWI airport to downtown Baltimore?

BWI airport is conveniently linked to downtown Baltimore by both a light rail service and train line. The lightrail takes around 50 minutes and costs \$1.70 per trip (<https://mta.maryland.gov/light-rail>). The MARC train is connected to the airport by a shuttle, takes around 20 minutes to reach Penn Station Baltimore,

and costs \$8 per trip (<https://mta.maryland.gov/marc-train>). Taxis, hotel shuttle services and rideshare services such as Lyft are also available at the airport.

Where can I stay in Baltimore?

There are numerous good hotels in downtown Baltimore, the Inner Harbor, and in the Mount Vernon and Fells Point neighborhoods. There are very limited accommodation options immediately adjacent the Hopkins Medical Campus and School of Public Health.

What can I see and do in Baltimore?

If you plan to spend the weekend in Baltimore, there are a variety of tourist activities available. We recommend visiting the Inner Harbor, where you can take a cruise, tour historic ships, visit the National Aquarium, and climb Federal Hill for great views of the city. We also recommend visiting Mount Vernon to see the Washington Monument, Peabody Institute and Walter's Art Museum, or taking a trip to the cobblestoned streets of Fells Point to visit a bar or seafood restaurant.

Other popular neighborhoods to visit are Federal Hill, Hampden and Canton.