



Dear successful PITCH candidate,

**Congratulations for being awarded a PITCH presentation. This session will be exciting and fast paced, and what's more there is \$2000 up-for-grabs!**

This email outlines some instructions for the PITCH session, to be held on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 11:30-12:15 and followed by the PITCH FINALS round on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 13:45-14:45.

**PITCH outline:**

- On Wednesday PITCH 1&2 will run parallel and be immediately followed by PITCH 3&4. All PITCH speakers must attend the entire session in which they speak.
- Each PITCH session has 10 speakers and each presentation will be marked by a panel of three judges.
- Immediately following the PITCH sessions, marks will be collated and two speakers selected from each PITCH session (1-4) to move to the finals. **That is a 20 % chance!**
- The 8 winners of PITCH sessions will be notified by personal email, their names will appear on the congress app, and will be announced during the presidential address, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9:45-10:15am.

**Instructions for PITCH presentation:**

- Each PITCH presentation will consist in 1 single slide, pdf format, without animation.
- The slide is to be **sent to the organisers by email** ([ipita2019@vbce.fr](mailto:ipita2019@vbce.fr)) no later than the **28<sup>th</sup> of June**. They will be uploaded on the congress platform in advance by the organisers.

**Instructions for PITCH speakers:**

- All PITCH speakers are expected to attend the entire PITCH session. Arrive no later than 11:30am.
- Keep your presentation to **1 minute sharp, 1 slide max without animation**.
- Present your abstract any way you like. As an idea you may want to base you 'elevator pitch' on a question, for example:
  - "Convince a panel why your idea/project should be funded for further research"
  - "Convince a panel why your idea/project should be translated to the clinic"
  - "Convince a panel why your idea/project should be adopted into clinical practice"
  - "Convince a panel why your idea/project why your finding is novel/exciting"

**Instructions for PITCH Finals:**

- Winners of the PITCH rounds are to prepare a **5 min** 'extended talk' of their winning abstract to present on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July during the PITCH finals session at 13:45-14:45.
- No questions will be asked at the end of the presentation.
- Each presentation will be marked. 50% of the score will come from a panel of judges, and the other 50% from a live vote by the audience.
- Prizes: 1st \$1000 USD, 2nd \$300 USD, 3rd \$200 USD, all other finalists \$100 USD.