



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1st International HerboMed Conference, 2027

Conference Theme:

"Advancing Integrative Health Excellence through Research, Innovation, and Youth Enterprise"

Conference Dates: March 17–19, 2027

Venue: Blue Post Hotel, Thika, Kenya / Hybrid Platform

1. Core Thematic Tracks

We welcome original research, clinical evaluations, systematic reviews, social enterprise case studies, and policy analyses aligned with our core theme, categorized under the following tracks:

- **Track 1: Ethnobotany, Indigenous Knowledge & Conservation**
Ethnobotanical mapping, documentation of traditional healings, and sustainable cultivation of climate-resilient medicinal crops.
- **Track 2: Phytochemistry, Pharmacognosy & Bioactive Screening**
Extraction optimization, analytical profiling, isolation, and structural characterization of novel active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs).
- **Track 3: Pharmacology, Toxicology & Pre-Clinical/Clinical Evaluations**
In vitro and *in vivo* efficacy testing, toxicology assays, safety thresholds, and metabolic pathway research.
- **Track 4: Nanotechnology & Advanced Drug Delivery Systems**
Novel formulation platforms (e.g., lipid-based phytosomal nanocarriers, nano-emulsions, polymeric nanoparticles) designed to improve phytochemical stability and bioavailability.
- **Track 5: Regulatory Compliance, Standardization & Alternative Policy**
Pharmacopeia monographs, validation guidelines, intellectual property (IP) frameworks, and regulatory harmonisation with bodies such as KEBS and the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB).
- **Track 6: Youth Enterprise, Circular Economy & Bio-entrepreneurship**
Value-addition business models, out-grower programs, youth-led manufacturing enterprises, and sustainable commercialization strategies in phytomedicine.

2. Technical Formatting Specifications

To facilitate a double-blind peer-review process, all submissions must strictly adhere to the following structural and technical requirements:

- **Language:** Written in clear, grammatically correct, academic English.

- **Title:** Limit to twenty (20) words. Must be in **Bold, Title Case**, and free of non-standard abbreviations.
- **Authorship:** List full names of all authors (First Name, Middle Initial, Surname) directly below the title. Underline the presenting author and denote the corresponding author with an asterisk (\$*\$).
- **Affiliation:** State department, institution, city, and country for each author. Provide the active institutional email address of the corresponding author.
- **Word Limit:** The abstract body must be a maximum of **300 words** (excluding title, authors, affiliations, and keywords).
- **Structure:** The body must be written as a single, continuous paragraph structured to clearly communicate:
 1. **Background & Objective:** The research gap, problem statement, and study goals.
 2. **Methods:** Materials used (specifying full botanical taxons with authority), study design, and testing protocols.
 3. **Results:** Quantitative and qualitative data. Specific datasets, standard indices (such as IC_{50} or FICI), and statistical values must be written using professional scientific notation.
 4. **Conclusions:** The core takeaways, novelty, and translational implications of the work.
- **Keywords:** Provide three to five (3–5) keywords, in alphabetical order, separated by semicolons.
- **Scientific Names:** Botanical names must be italicized and include the authority at first mention (e.g., *Hylocereus polyrhizus* (Haw.) Britton & Rose).

3. Key Deadlines & Timelines

To ensure inclusion in the conference proceedings and abstract booklet, the scientific committee will strictly enforce the following timelines:

- **Abstract Submission Portal Opens:** September 7, 2026
- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** October 31, 2026
- **Notification of Peer-Review Acceptance:** November 20, 2026
- **Full Manuscript Submission (Optional for Journal Special Issue):** December 1, 2026
- **Delegate Registration & Payment Deadline:** March 15, 2027
- **Conference Sessions:** March 17–19, 2027

4. Submission and Selection Process

1. **Electronic Submission:** Abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (12pt Times New Roman, double-spaced) to the official email address: conferenceabstracts@jfccollege.ac.ke or uploaded via the submissions tab on the conference website.
2. **Double-Blind Peer Review:** All submissions will undergo double-blind evaluation by at least two independent members of the International HerboMed Conference, 2027 Scientific and Abstract Review Committee based on scientific rigor, alignment, and originality.
3. **Presentation Format:** Authors may state their preference (Oral or Poster Presentation) upon submission, though the final placement remains at the discretion of the Scientific Committee.
4. **Journal Fast-Track Opportunity:** Outstanding abstract manuscripts selected by the review committee will be invited for fast-tracked, full-paper submission to special peer-

reviewed issues of our partner SCIE-indexed natural products and pharmaceutical journals.

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