

SWIFT Survey regulations

All successful Swift survey proposals will be allocated at least one named PATRN committee representative to act as a named contact and provide assistance with the various stages of the Swift survey project.

Responsibilities of submitting author

Assist in the dissemination of the Swift survey (hopefully this will involve attendance at the launching APAGBI ASM*, also allowing you to meet the PATRN committee in person). Involvement in reviewing and interpreting the results of the Swift survey, including the drafting of abstracts for presentation and/or publication (this will be done collaboratively with a PATRN representative). It is anticipated that the submitting author will also present the findings of their Swift survey at the APAGBI ASM the following year (poster/oral)*.

Responsibilities of local consultant supervisor

Available to advise the submitting author on their swift survey submission. Further input depends on prior experience of the submitting author. They may have very little input if author has previous experience of abstract writing/poster presentation etc, however a submitting author with less experience may need more guidance. It is the responsibility of the submitting author to advise the PATRN committee of their local consultant supervisor's involvement with regards to author accreditation for any publications (unless the supervisor has had a significant input to the drafting of abstracts/posters they will usually receive an acknowledgment where this is allowed but not be credited as an author).

Responsibilities of PATRN representative

Creation of Swift survey proforma from the submitting author's submission and gaining approval of this from the submitting author, PATRN committee and representatives of the APAGBI scientific committee prior to launch at the APAGBI ASM, on social media accounts and to the wider APAGBI/PATRN membership via email. Involvement in reviewing and interpreting the results of the Swift survey, including the drafting of abstracts for presentation and/or publication (this will be done collaboratively with the submitting author).

TIMELINE

28th Feb 2026: Proposal submission deadline

March: scoring of proposals by PATRN/APAGBI scientific committee

April: Results of scoring disseminated to submitting authors

April/May: creation of Swift survey Proforma by PATRN committee

11th-12th June 2026: APAGBI ASM in Plymouth and launch of Swift Surveys

July: closure of Swift surveys (usually open for 4-6 weeks)

July/August: Review of data by submitting author and PATRN representative with a plan made for how best to disseminate the results

Autumn/Winter: writing of abstracts for target conference(s) and/or correspondence articles by the submitting author and PATRN representative. Whilst this is a collaborative process, it is expected that the submitting author will have a significant role in the drafting of any articles/posters.

May 2027: APAGBI ASM – presentation of the Swift survey results by the submitting author*

Any data generated by the Swift surveys is jointly owned by the PATRN committee and submitting author and all parties must be in agreement regarding any published results in any format. PATRN Committee and the submitting author will be named as authors, alongside any individual PATRN Committee member who has made a significant contribution to that Swift Survey.

*We recognise that for some, commitment to attendance at the APAGBI ASMs may not be possible, due to rota constraints, limited study budgets, international fellowships and other life events. In such instances, it may be possible for a PATRN representative to present on the submitting author's behalf. The submitting author would still be expected to have a leading role in the writing of abstracts and the production any of posters/presentations.