

Q Awards

THE Q STORY GUIDELINES

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Your Q story must be submitted in **English**. Don't hesitate to ask the Ceva team to help you if needed.

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You must write the **name of the main author** (the award will be delivered only to the main author, which is the candidate for the award). Nevertheless, you may also mention the name of the other authors of the Q story, in the designated space.

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The Q story should have a **minimum of 400 words** and **cannot contain more than 1 000 words**.

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Abbreviations should be defined.

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You can submit your Q story in only one of **two formats**:

- **Option 1- Q&A:** a more friendly format of Q&A to provide your testimonial in a practical way.
- **Option 2- ABSTRACT:** a more formal format, as you would submit for a conference.

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Once you have decided the format for your Q story and have it prepared, you can go to **Step 3**. There, you must fill in **your personal information** and **the fields for the option** that you have chosen.

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OPTION 1: Q&A FORMAT

Q0 | Title of your story

What is your Q story about and what makes it special? A good rule of thumb is to give your title a maximum of 16 words.

Q1 | Background of your story

What was the situation in the farm? What were the problems that you faced?

Note: Explain the challenge(s) that you faced and how relevant/important this was for you or the farmer. The topics of interest should be focused on the epidemiology, the impact of the disease and/or the control of Q Fever in dairy cattle farms. If your story is based on a clinical case, please provide information and basic figures to describe the context (type of farm, number of animals, beginning of the case, clinical signs).

Q2 | Implication of *Coxiella burnetii*

How did you confirm that Q Fever was implicated?

Note: In this section, you should describe as precisely as possible how you were able to confirm the diagnosis of Q Fever.

Q3 | Actions taken and evolution of the situation

What measures did you take and how effective has it been?

Note: The filling of this section is not necessary if your story is centred around prevalence or impact of the disease. If you are presenting a clinical case, describe the follow up of the case (improvement of clinical signs, reproductive performance, number of shedders, etc).

Q4 | Conclusions

What do your results mean? How they contribute to improve the control of Q Fever?

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OPTION 2: ABSTRACT

Q | Title

- What is your Q story about and what makes it interesting? A good rule of thumb is to give your abstract a title of 16 words or less.

Q | Objectives

- Here is where you describe the objective(s) of the study (what problem you were trying to solve).

Q | Materials and methods

- Provide here the information of how your study was designed including materials and methods. Study dates, number of farms/animals, groups, evaluation criteria, exclusion criteria and statistical methods (if used) should be described briefly. It should be clear in this section how all of the data in the Results section were obtained.

Q | Results

- What findings or trends did your Q story uncover? Were they as you expected, or not?

Q | Conclusions

- What do your results mean? How they contribute to improve the control of Q Fever?