



## *Abstracts*

### Submit your abstract Information

#### Conference Submissions

The 2016 International SIDS and Stillbirth Conference will be held September 8-10 in Montevideo, Uruguay. It will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of ISA and ISPID. We recognize the value of a multidisciplinary collaborative meeting that serves as a venue for scientific networking. Your support and participation through attendance and your submissions will be the key to our success.

We encourage you to submit one or more abstracts of the highest quality that are cutting edge or are novel investigations, programs and approaches. We encourage junior faculty and trainees, as well as others in your discipline. The International SIDS and Stillbirth Conference is an outstanding forum for presentations by young investigators.

*New Investigator Award details will be published soon.*

- Abstracts presented at other national or regional meetings may also be submitted to this conference
- The deadline for receipt of your abstract is March 31, 2016 at 23.59 hours.
- All abstracts must be submitted on-line
- Abstracts must be submitted in English
- All abstracts except Workshop proposals should be less than or equal to 500 words (see instructions below)
- Abstracts may be submitted without conference registration form and payment. It is expected that early bird and late registration payment be completed once abstract is accepted
- The Program Committee expects to announce decisions by April 15, 2016
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program

#### Track Information

We are pleased to invite abstract submissions from participants especially on 3 topics:

- SIDS/SUID
- Stillbirth
- Implementing best practices

**SIDS/SUID** – The purpose of this track is to share new concepts, research and knowledge on SIDS and SUID. This could include topics such as the scientific basis of SIDS and SUID, the epidemiology,

physiology and pathology of SIDS and SUID, and also the experiences of both parents and clinicians of SIDS and SUID, including bereavement issues and their interactions with health systems.

**Stillbirth** – The purpose of this track is to share new concepts, research and knowledge on stillbirth. This could include topics such as the scientific basis of stillbirth, the epidemiology and pathology of stillbirth, including placenta pathology, and also the experiences of both parents and clinicians with stillbirth, including bereavement issues and their interactions with health systems.

**Implementation best practice** – The purpose of this track is to share insights into implementation strategies of best practice in prevention of Stillbirth/SIDS. Presentations of model campaigns should focus on implementation details, contextual information for where the program was successful, and strong evidence for effectiveness. Presentations on bereavement support practices should focus on key elements such as program development, implementation, and evaluation.

## *Types of Presentations*

There are 4 types of presentations: Single Oral Presenter, Poster, Group Thematic Panel, and Workshop.

*Simultaneous translation English/Spanish will be available.*

### **Single-presenter Oral Proposal**

Oral sessions provide an opportunity for conference participants to hear the latest information on a topic from individual presentations.

- Single-presenter oral sessions are presented in lecture style for a large group, but not all conference participants
- Room configurations will allow for questions from the audience
- Single-presenter oral session abstracts will be accepted individually and combined with other presentations into sessions by the conference Program Committees
- Abstract presentations will be 10 minutes long, with an additional 5 minutes for questions. Additional details about the abstract presentations will be provided at the time of abstract acceptance
- All research based abstracts should describe investigation methods and primary findings in sufficient detail to allow reviewers to fully evaluate the scientific merit of the work. Abstracts failing to do so will not be reviewed
- The Program Committees reserve the right to accept the submission as a poster instead of an oral presentation

### **Poster Proposal**

Poster sessions will be held at designated times during the conference to allow participants to view research findings and interact with authors. This presentation format should not be confused with an oral session. The conference organizers will determine how the posters will be grouped once all confirmations have been received. Information on poster size and presentation day/time will be sent to authors after abstracts have been accepted. (1 m wide, 1.20 m high maximal)

### **Thematic Panel Proposal**

Thematic panel sessions comprise 3-4 presenters who collectively submit a proposal based on a common theme or topic for one 45-minute session. The objectives should reflect the aspect that each speaker will address.

- A limited number of these sessions will be available in the conference program
- Thematic panel sessions are presented in lecture style for a large group, but not all conference participants
- Room configurations will allow for questions from the audience
- The proposal requires a summary describing the importance of the panel theme and an abstract from each panel member. The abstracts for a single thematic panel proposal should be included in the same document and submitted on-line together.

## Workshop Proposal

These small, interactive training seminars address practical topics of concern for researchers, public health professionals, medical professionals, bereavement specialists, and organizations.

- The format of the workshops usually includes a combination of didactic presentations, interactive discussions, and hands-on techniques, depending on the topic presented
- Total length of session is 60 minutes
- Attendance is open but may be limited in size to encourage highly interactive sessions
- Submitted proposals will be reviewed by members of the Program Committees.
- **The proposal needs to include the name and qualifications of speakers**
- Workshops will be selected that are of highest quality; maximize audience participation; address a novel or critical topic; meet a match between the perceived needs and interests of participants; and, on the skills and expertise of the leaders
- We specifically invite workshop proposals that address the following topics: effective risk reduction campaigns, bereavement support and program development although other topics will be considered.

The most successful workshops address innovative ideas, learner-centered needs, and utilize an interactive format. Major criteria used for educational workshop selection will include:

- A topic that is timely and important for the intended audience
- Learning objectives that are clear and appropriate
- Format that is interactive, maximizing audience participation, and attractive to registrants
- The skills and expertise of the leaders

While the format may vary, the workshop should be designed to facilitate discussions between workshop leaders and participants. The workshop may include a short didactic presentation, but the main intention of the workshops is to actively involve the attendees in the learning process.

## *Who should submit?*

- Researchers
- Health Care Providers and Health Promotion Specialists
- Parents
- Bereavement Specialists
- Community-Based Organization Staff
- International, Federal, State and Local Public Health Practitioners
- Non-profit Health Advocacy Organizations – Health Promotion NGOs

# *Instructions for Formatting Abstracts for Single Presenter Oral Proposals and Poster Proposals*

Please follow the guidelines below when preparing an abstract for submission ([see example](#)). All abstracts should follow the suggested format for the type of submission. Scientific research abstracts should include the following categories: Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

- All abstracts must be submitted in English
- All abstracts should be no more than 500 words
- Include the first and middle initials and the last name of each author/presenter. Authors/presenters should be listed as lead/presenting author, followed by coauthors
- An author's/presenter's affiliation should follow immediately after the author's name
- Use of abbreviations is not desirable. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word or phrase the first time the abbreviation appears
- All abstracts should be single spaced. Font should be Arial 12, with the words "Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Conclusions" in bold.
- Abstracts will be reproduced as submitted. The organizers reserve the right to reject abstracts for publication in the conference program if they do not comply with any of the instructions given in this announcement

## *Tips for Writing Abstracts*

### **What is an abstract?**

- A concise statement about the major elements of your research or project
- A summary which allows reviewers to determine the quality of your work and whether it will be accepted for presentation at the conference
- A summary statement intended to entice the reader to want to know more about your research or project

### **Tips for Writing a Good Abstract**

- Follow the format and directions on the example displayed on the website
- Be clear and concise. Provide only the information needed to make your point
- Present findings (do not say that results will be discussed or forthcoming)

## *Instructions for Formatting Proposals for Thematic Panel and Workshops*

- All abstracts should follow the suggested format for the type of submission ([see example](#))
- All abstracts must be submitted in English
- For Thematic Panel proposals, each abstract should be no more than 500 words
- Workshop proposals should include the following:
  - Objectives of the session.
  - Content of the session.
  - Method and extent of audience participation.
  - Proposed content area and why it is important to participants.

- The word limit is 1000 words.
- Include the first and middle initials and the last name of each author/presenter.  
Authors/presenters should be listed as lead/presenting author, followed by coauthors
- First author affiliation should follow the authors' names
- All abstracts should be single spaced with a font size of Arial 12
- All abstracts (except for workshops as noted above) should contain the following information (see separate example):
  - Type of presentation
  - Title
  - Author(s) followed by affiliation of first author only
  - Background
  - Objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
  - Funding source for study if applicable

## *Online submission*

### **Submit your abstract**