



Call for Papers and Posters

***Closing date 31st May 2015**

2015 National Diversional Therapy Australia Conference “Wellness through Leisure”

16th & 17th October 2015 (with preconference workshop day on 15th)

Mercure Gold Coast Resort, Gold Coast QLD

Diversional Therapy Australia invites abstracts from diversional therapists, recreation therapists, recreation activities officers, health professionals, academics, researchers and students. DTA are seeking papers from a broad range of practice areas that reflect the conference theme “Wellness through Leisure”. Papers should lead and inform delegates how diversional therapy interventions contribute and impact on the wellness of individuals, groups and client populations.

Guidelines for abstract submission

Authors are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration by the conference committee. Abstracts will be accepted by email until 31st May 2015. As part of the submission process authors are asked to indicate the presentation type they are interested in:

- Paper - traditional oral presentation, up to 45 minutes
- Poster - visual display, possible 5 minute presentation and networking opportunities at the conference
- Leisure bite - introduction of a concept, up to 15 minutes
- Practical session - oral/interactive presentation, 45minutes-1hour

A separate set of guidelines will be provided to those authors whose abstracts are accepted and these will vary depending on the presentation type.

Subthemes

The following subthemes have been defined to assist authors when preparing their abstract:

- 1. Community Leisure**
- 2. Person Centred Care**
- 3. The Role of Leisure in psycho social health & the practice of enablement**

Format Required – use this format for your Abstract

- The abstract should be a summary of the material that is to be presented at the conference
- Microsoft Word format
- Arial 12 pt font, double spaced type
- Abstract should be no longer than 400 words

Title and author details

- Title of paper
- Presentation type
- Indicate the subtheme that best reflects your presentation
- Author's full name and title
- Qualifications or course of study
- Current position and employment details
- Contact details including phone, postal and email address

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the DTA office to:

Conference Convenor, c/- margie@diversionaltherapy.org.au by Sunday 31st May 2015

Selection of abstracts is expected to be completed by mid-July 2015

Selection and notification

Criteria for selection will include originality, clarity of presentation, relevance and professional interest. The conference committee is keen to ensure that novice, as well as experienced presenters are included in the conference program.

The conference generally has two streams into which papers will be grouped. The program will be arranged to provide both industry specific content as well as exploring issues that affect all professionals. Abstracts will be printed in the conference program and distributed to delegates at the conference.

All authors will be acknowledged by email.

All selected authors will be offered a discounted registration fee and are responsible for meeting all costs associated with attending the conference.

Timelines

31st May 2015 Final date for submission of abstracts

Mid July 2015 Notification to authors of accepted abstracts

Within 7 days of notification accepted authors confirm their participation

End of July Conference program published

18th September 2015 Final date for submission of presentations in electronic format

16th and 17th October 2015 DTA National Conference

For more information contact Conference Convenor via the DTA office

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Prizes may be awarded to presenters in the following categories:

***Best Poster**

***Best Student Presenter**

***First time Presenter**

***Delegates Choice**

Categories and prizes subject to change at discretion of DTA