Call for Abstracts - Guidelines

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER…	
Call for Abstracts open	1 April 2020
Call for Abstracts closes	18 May 2020
Notification of selection outcomes	15 June 2020
Written acceptance of offer to present	1 July 2020
Deadline for presenter registration	14 September 2020
Deadline for poster submission for printing	14 September 2020

IAHA is seeking abstracts for the 2020 IAHA National Conference to be held at the **Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast, Queensland 30 November – 3 December 2020.**

The conference theme, **Making a Difference in Allied Health**, recognises the contribution that members, communities and organisations have made to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including:
- building culturally responsive connections, partnerships and relationships;
- valuing cultures and diversity, respecting cultural ways of knowing, being and doing;
- contributing to the development of culturally safe and responsive practice within an allied health and/or Indigenous health context;
- strengths based solutions led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities to improve access to allied health services; and
- community-led, translational allied health and/or Indigenous health research.

We are now calling for abstracts for concurrent oral presentations, workshops and poster presentations under the following streams:

- **Care** – Projects, programs, research and initiatives that focus on allied health service delivery, community development and responsive practice.

- **Cultures** – Allied health related projects, programs, research and initiatives that embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, knowledges and perspectives and/or address cultural determinants.

- **Connection** – Allied health related projects, programs, research and initiatives that are focused on team work, collaboration and interdisciplinary approaches to

improve health and wellbeing, and which support connection to culture, community and interprofessional care.

- **Collaboration** – Allied health related projects, programs, research and initiatives that demonstrate collaboration between organisations and sectors, incl government, that exemplify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leadership and self-determination in partnership.

While IAHA provides these streams for guidance, abstracts may be applicable across multiple streams and all innovative projects, programs, research and initiatives are encouraged to submit.

IAHA is looking for:
- Interesting and thought-provoking **20-minute or shorter oral presentations** (concurrent sessions)
- Interactive **1.5-hour workshops** that provide opportunities to strengthen skills, knowledge and behaviour for a multidisciplinary workforce; and
- Student **poster presentations** for students wishing to gain valuable experience and to present their research and/or projects in a safe environment.

Presentation, workshop and poster abstracts that are **action-oriented, strengths-based and solution-focused led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** will be preferenced. All abstracts, workshops and poster presentations **must** have an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenter or co-presenter that is leading or partnering on the project, research, activity or initiative to be considered.

IAHA encourages submissions from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce and students, researchers and educators, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community workers.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the IAHA Conference Committee.

Abstract Submission Process
Abstracts will go through the following process:
1. All abstracts will be reviewed by the IAHA Conference Committee.

   a. Acceptance of an abstract will be based on the degree to which the abstract matches the streams of the conference - **Care, Cultures, Connection and Collaboration**.

   b. All abstracts will be considered based on the merit of the individual submission and will be assessed according to the following criteria:

      i. Relevance to conference streams and learning objectives addressed

      ii. Importance of presentation topic

   iii. Relevance of content to audience

   iv. Contemporary or innovative issue

 c. Abstracts submitted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenters will be prioritised.

 d. Abstracts with a clear evidence base will be prioritised.

2. The final date for submission of abstracts is the **18 May 2020.** Any abstracts received after this date will not be accepted.

3. Authors will be notified of their abstract results by **15 June 2020**.

4. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program and on the conference website.

5. IAHA requires written confirmation of successful applicants' acceptance of the presentation offer by **1 July 2020.**

6. Presenters must have registered to attend the conference by **14 September 2020**.

7. Payment of reduced rate speaker registration is a condition of presenting at the conference with both an early bird presenter rate available until 6 July 2020 and a presenter registration rate available until 14 September 2020. To finalise the confirmation of your presentation and access the reduces registration rates please register before **14 September 2020**.

Please note that presenters are responsible for their own travel to and from the conference. IAHA secretariat staff will be available for assistance and recommendations when booking flights and accommodation.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

1. All abstracts must be:

 a) structured providing an outline of the aim/s and content of the presentation/workshop. Additionally, workshop abstracts should articulate clear learning objectives.

 b) no more than 300 words long.

 c) completed in full, including a biography of each presenting author (photo is optional but preferred).

 d) at least one of the presenters must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

 e) submitted electronically via this abstract portal

f) submitted by 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on **18 May 2020**. Abstracts received after this date will NOT be accepted.

g) presented by the specified presenting author(s) except in an emergency, such as illness, where an alternative speaker can be nominated. The first author (as given on the abstract submission form) will be the main contact for any correspondence.

2. Accepted oral presentations will be 20 minutes (including questions).

3. Accepted workshops will be 1.5 hours.

4. Accepted poster presentations will be displayed during the Conference.

5. The IAHA Conference Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any paper.

6. The acceptance of an abstract does not imply funding by IAHA.

7. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 June 2020 and will have until 1 July 2020 to provide written acceptance of offer and 14 September 2020 to register at the speakers' registration rate.

Conflict of Interest

The IAHA Conference Committee requests that those submitting an abstract disclose any potential conflict of interest regarding their presentation within the Abstract Submission Form. This will allow the IAHA Conference Committee to take potential conflicts of interest into account when assessing the submission.

If deemed necessary, the conflict of interest declaration will be included in the published abstract, to ensure conference delegates are aware of potential objectivity issues of the presentation.

A potential conflict of interest may arise from a variety of relationships including employment, consultancy, investments, funding for research, family relationships and so on.

Abstract enquiries

For all abstract enquiries or you have not received notification of your abstract results by 15 June 2020, please contact Amanda Johnstone, Event Coordinator, at amanda@iaha.com.au or +61 2 6285 1010.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and meeting you on the Sunshine Coast for our 6th IAHA National Conference.