



## **Glasgow 2014**

### **7<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference 2014**

#### **MIND THE GAP: Reducing inequalities in health and health care**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS 2014**

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**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS IS 1 MAY 2014 (midnight CET)**

**ABSTRACTS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA:**  
[www.eupha.org/Glasgow2014](http://www.eupha.org/Glasgow2014)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR SINGLE RESEARCH ABSTRACTS ONLY**

**Presentation possibilities:**

Single abstracts will be considered for oral, pitch or poster presentation. You will be asked to make a first and second choice in preference of presentation.

Oral presentations are 10 minutes, with 5 minutes of discussion time in 90 minute sessions. There will be 6 abstracts presented per session.

Pitch presentations are 5 minutes, with 2 minutes of discussion time in 60 minute sessions. There will be 8 abstracts presented per session.

Posters presentations are displayed in the designated poster area. Posters are grouped by subject and displayed accordingly. Poster walks will be organised during the conference, where the presenter is required to be in front of his/her poster to answer questions on the topic.

By submitting an abstract, you agree to the following statement: "If my work is accepted, I plan to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference or in the event I am unable to attend to make

necessary arrangements for a substitute presenter and to communicate such arrangements to the conference secretariat.”

**Please note that you must register for the conference in order to present your abstract. If you have not registered by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2014, your abstract – if accepted – will be removed from the abstract supplement and the programme. Conference registration opens on 1 July 2014.**

Details for abstract submission can be found below. Further details of the conference, including travel and accommodation directions, are available on our website:

[www.eupha.org/Glasgow2014](http://www.eupha.org/Glasgow2014)

#### **EVALUATION PROCEDURE:**

All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the International Scientific Committee with 55 public health experts from 28 countries.

Each abstract will be reviewed by five reviewers according to the following criteria:

- 1) Is it an internationally comparative study?
- 2) Is the design of the study appropriate?
- 3) Have the data been collected and processed?
- 4) Are there (preliminary) results?
- 5) Does the study provide new insights in the field of the study?

Acceptance: Applicants will be notified of the acceptance of their abstract(s) by the end of June 2014.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS FOR SINGLE PRESENTATIONS**

Abstracts are not limited to the main conference themes: other public health and health services topics are welcome. Those wishing to present their work at the meeting should submit an abstract using the following guidelines:

##### **1. General guidelines:**

- An author can only be the presenting author of one abstract. Being a co-author will not be taken into account.
- The abstract should be a maximum of 2300 characters (including spaces). If you exceed this amount, the system will not accept the abstract.
- Because of production limitations, no graphics nor tables can be accepted.
- Changes of abstracts are possible until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May by re-entering the database. Please click on your abstract and make the necessary changes. Between 1 May and 30 June, the abstracts cannot be corrected. Accepted abstracts can also be corrected from 1 until 15 July.
- Style guidelines:
  - Define all abbreviations upon first use in the abstract, such as oral contraceptives (OC), except for those used in standard measurements, such as 25 mg/L.

- Spell out numbers lower than 10 except in the case of standard measurements such as time, dose and temperature, such as “two patients,” but “2 cc” and “9 p.m.”
- Use metric units.
- Use standard “mL,” “cm,” etc. Exception: Use “L” for litre.
- Use “%” with specific measurements, such as “2%,” but use “percentage” in stating a generality or category, such as “The percentages reflect...”
- When a percentage is given in addition to a numerator and denominator, the percentage should directly follow the numerator and be enclosed in parentheses, such as “18 (86%) of 21 patients developed...”
- When presenting confidence intervals, state the confidence level and confidence coefficient in the upper and lower limits, such as (95% CI=1.32-4.56)

## 2. Start your submission

- Click on submission to start your submission procedure.
- On the opening page, you will be asked to enter your login and password. If you have attended our conferences before, you are known to our system. If you have forgotten your login and password, enter your email address to retrieve these details. If you are not known, please register in our database before continuing.
- Once in the database, you have the possibility to submit the abstract.
- First, you will be asked your first and second choice of presentation (oral, moderated poster, poster).
- Next, you will be asked to choose a topic from a list of topics that suits your abstract best. You can select up 1

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## LAY-OUT FOR RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

**Presentation of abstract:** Please indicate your first and second choice of presenting your abstract.

**Abstract title:** Be brief and avoid subtitles if possible. Do not use capital letters only! Do NOT use abbreviations or acronyms in the abstract title. Give geographic location and dates of the study.

**Presenting author:** The name of the presenting author: type the full first name before the last name (such as Floris Barnhoorn). Please do not forget to list the presenting author also in the list of authors.

**Presenting author’s email:** Please make sure that the email address listed is that of the presenting author.

**Authors:** Please note that the authors' names should be listed as follows: initials (no dots between initials), last name. If more than one affiliation is listed, please use 1, 2, 3 numbering after the last name.

**Affiliations:** If more than one affiliation is listed, please use 1, 2, 3 to number them. Please list the affiliation, town and country.

**Abstract:****Background**

Address the scientific background and rationale for the study as well as the public health significance of the subject. Because of the anticipated diversity of the reviewers and those attending, do not assume that everyone will be familiar with your research topic. Explain why your study is important and what question(s) it will answer. Market your topic.

**Methods**

Describe the study design, setting (such as community, clinic, hospital), study participants, analytic and/or intervention techniques and outcome measures.

**Results**

Present the major quantitative and qualitative findings, accompanied by confidence intervals or levels of significance of statistical tests, as appropriate. Although negative as well as positive results may be of interest, report only those results that relate to your conclusion. Since an abstract may be cited, this section must contain data rather than a statement like "Data will be discussed". If appropriate, state that the results are preliminary.

**Conclusions**

State only those conclusions that are directly supported by data. Report on the public health actions that are recommended and/or have been implemented as a consequence of the study such as:

- a. initiating or enhancing prevention or other public health activities
- b. developing procedure, policies or legislation
- c. implementing and strengthening public health surveillance systems.

As far as possible, highlight the magnitude of the public health impact by reporting on the process of output/outcome indicators (such as number of persons treated by an intervention programme, amount of increased resources devoted to a prevention activity, evidence of improvements in the functioning of a surveillance system, changes in behaviour, etc.). In addition, you may wish to describe the ways in which the public health actions were innovative.

**Main messages:**

Please write two short (200 characters maximum) messages which summarize the main impact of your work.

**GOOD LUCK!**