



WORLD WITHOUT BARRIERS

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Danubius Hotel Helia

The call for abstracts for the IFHOH World Congress 2020 is **now open!**

We welcome contributions to a broad range of topics related to the Congress themes and sessions. Come and share knowledge, innovations, and lessons learnt in your country, in your workplace, or research findings from your latest scientific work.

The Congress Programme will be dynamic and interactive, showcasing experts, thought leaders and innovators from around the globe and providing a great opportunity to share your experience and expertise internationally. We are looking for abstracts that directly relate to the Congress theme and topics.

Abstract submission is open from 20 October 2019 to 15 December 2019.

Abstracts will be reviewed by scientific advisors, and poster presenters and speakers will be selected from abstracts.

Types of presentation

You should indicate your presentation preference. The following possibilities are available:

- Oral Presentation - two or three persons presenting for max 15 minutes each, followed by discussion
- Poster Presentation - (A0 size print) An opportunity to display information and discuss a topic with delegates at a defined time

Theme & Topics

Theme 1: Identity and interactions: personal and social dimensions of a hearing loss

- impact of hearing loss on cognition, energy level, and self-esteem.
- Effects of hearing loss on one's way of being and manner of interacting with others.
- Social and economic status of individuals with hearing loss and its impact on their family members and community.
- The role of hard of hearing organizations in validating a person's identity and in providing outlets for interaction and advocacy.

Theme 2: Technological innovations for hearing accessibility

- New developments in hearing aids, cochlear implants and assistive listening systems.
- Developments in captions for TV, for public events and for in-person communication.
- Hearing applications of mobile smartphones and of wireless communications.

Theme 3: Medical developments for better hearing

- Developments in health care practices, medical research and medical technology.
- Developments regarding cochlear implants, middle ear implants, brain-stem implants, bone encored implants, hair cell regeneration
- New audiology measuring, fitting and following technics.
- Improvements in hearing health care, treatment for tinnitus and drug use protocols.

Theme 4: Legislative, policy and human rights advances for hard of hearing people

- Public policy initiatives at the organizational, municipal, national, regional or global level.
- The UN CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities), the UN SDG (Sustainable Development Goals), the World Health Assembly (of the WHO) Resolution 70.13, and there implementation to hard of hearing and deaf persons.

General Guidelines

All abstracts should be submitted electronically through the abstract submission system. Abstract submission is open from 20 October to 15 December 2019. By submitting the abstract you agree and confirm that:

- Abstracts can be submitted in English
- Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted or considered for the programme
- Abstracts can be submitted for the Congress sessions an/or poster presentation
- Agree to partizipate in publicizing the Congress by publication of your session
- You are responsible for ensuring that all co-authors have agreed to be listed on the abstract. Author and co-author: you can include up to 5 co-authors. Please make sure that the presenting author is also listed under authors.
- An author may submit multiple abstracts
- Your abstract will not be edited. You are responsible for any spelling, grammatical and typographical errors.

Guidelines for Submission

1. Prepare your **proposal** according to the following guidelines. Abstracts of accepted presentations will be printed in the Congress Program as submitted unless the Congress Committee edits for clarity and space.
 - **Full Title** (Max. 25 words) – The full title of your workshop. Successful titles convey the subject matter, pique the interest of the reader and identify potential audiences.
 - **Abbreviated Title** (Max. 10 words) - A short version of the full title, which can be used in your submission.
 - **Author(s)**: First and last names, and institutions of all authors must be fully indicated correctly and in the right order. The e-mail address of the presenting author should be included. **Institution(s)**: The institution(s) of the authors should be indicated fully with the "department" and "institution" names while avoiding any abbreviations such as Dept., Inst., Hosp., etc.
 - **Workshop Objectives** (Max. 100 words) – List up to 3 objectives your workshop wishes to achieve. Please be descriptive and identify what delegates will learn from workshop.
 - **Description of Abstract** (Max. 200 words) – A lengthy write up on your presentation. The Selection Committee will base their decisions on this information. An effective submission will include background information, an overview of the presentation, a description of the format, key issues to be addressed, target audience, etc. If the workshop is reporting research include information on the methods used, findings and recommendations.
 - Images, tables, diagrams and graphs are not allowed for the abstracts.
 - Please do not submit multiple copies of the same abstract.

Please get in contact with Mrs. Zsanett Reichardt from the Congress Secretariat (zsanett.reichardt@miracolosoevent.hu) for editing after submitting the abstract.

Please ensure that the e-mail address of the presenting author is entered correctly to enable the Congress Organizing Secretariat to communicate with you regarding the abstract. All information regarding the acceptance, any required adjustments, and scheduling will be communicated via e-mail to the abstract presenting author.

2. A completed Proposal Form and Abstract must be submitted electronically at www.ifhoh2020budapest.com. **Deadline:** Proposals must be submitted by **December 15, 2019**. All submissions must be attached as PDF file or Word doc.
3. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-January 2020.
4. The presenting author of the abstract must be registered for the congress by 31 January, 2020
5. **Audio/Visual Requirements** must be identified prior to conference. Each room will be equipped with a podium, microphone and computer for Powerpoint presentation. List all additional equipment required for your presentation. Requests for equipment after April 1, 2020 or on-site will be accommodated only if the costs will be assumed by the primary presenter.
6. The Congress Program Committee reserves the right to allocate a submission to be a workshop, panel presentation or poster session and to combine more than one submission into a single session. Presenters will be notified in advance and agreement will be requested.

Guidelines for Poster Presentations (on site)

Poster presentations provide an opportunity for an interactive exchange of ideas between the presenter and audience interested in her/his study.

The objective of a poster is to outline the findings from research, program implementation or advocacy interventions clearly and concisely so that they can be understood even without an oral explanation—especially since posters will also be displayed and viewed even when the author is not present.

Recommended poster size: **A0** (84 cm width × 118 cm height (or 33”w × 46”h).

Important things to Know

- All posters should be prepared in advance and brought to the conference by the presenters. The conference organizers are NOT able to receive any posters by mail in advance, print or transport posters.
- There will NOT be facilities on-site for printing or composing posters.
- The Congress will provide materials to set up your display.
- All posters will be assigned a poster number.
- No audiovisual equipment is permitted for poster presentations.
- If you choose to bring handouts, we recommend you bring approximately 100 copies and provide contact information (i.e., author names and email addresses) on the handout.
- Each poster should be no larger than A0 paper size measuring 84.1 cm (width) × 118.9 cm (height) or 33.1 inches (width) × 46.8 inches (height).
- Each presenter is allowed one poster and each poster will have its own display board.
- Posters will only be mounted above is an example of the display provided.
- Poster Locations: posters will be displayed around the Coffee break area and the Hall of the event
- Poster sessions will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm on Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29. Posters must be displayed during the entire poster session.

Guidelines for Accepted Poster Presentations

Written summary of your abstract:

- a. Objective(s)/Purpose of the study, project or activity
- b. Methods used conducting the study, project or activity
- c. Results of the study, project or activity
- d. Conclusion(s)/Evaluation of the study, project or activity

Viewers should be able to understand your poster without listening to an explanation or reading a report. To improve readability of your poster, consider the following:

- a. Top of your poster: title, author(s) and affiliation name. Sign lettering should not be less than 1" high.
- b. Text: Use a minimal amount of text. Focus on 2 or 3 main points. Use one-line phrases with bullets to highlight key points rather than full sentences. Break up large amounts of text with indented paragraphs.
- c. Type: Use large lettering, at least 3/8" high (approximately 24–30 points), but do not use all upper case letters. Simple, easy-to-read fonts, such as Arial, work best. If text is not legible from three to five feet away, the print is too small.
- d. Graphics: Use basic charts, graphs, tables, clip art, drawings, symbols, color print and photos to illustrate key points.
- e. Language: All poster sessions must be in English.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Congress Secretariat by e-mail at zsanett.reichardt@miracolosoevent.hu. All submissions must be done electronically in word documents as attachments. The Congress website is www.ifhoh2020budapest.com