2022 Conference Submission Instructions

Submissions will be accepted between 12:01am (Greenwich Mean Time [GMT] – Coordinated Universal Time) on 15.November.2021 and 11:59pm GMT on 15.January.2022. {Note: If colleagues are unfamiliar with the differences between their local time zone and GMT, they are advised to consult world clock/time zone websites or apps.}

There will be four types of presentations conducted at this conference: (a) posters; (b) full-length papers; (c) data-blitz papers; and (d) symposia. Posters are primarily a visual presentation comprised of written text and tables/figures [to explain sample {research participants'} demographics or data analysis results]. Full-length and data-blitz papers are primarily verbal presentations which can be supplemented with a visual component, such as a Powerpoint. The content of the full-length papers should include Introduction, Method, Results and Discussion sections. Authors will have approximately 12-15 minutes to present a full-length paper. Data-blitz papers should include Purpose, Method and Results sections. Authors will have approximately 7-9 minutes to present a data-blitz paper.

A symposium is comprised of 3-4 papers which have a single common topic. Thus, all of the papers should clearly address the same topic in some manner. This topic can be theoretical/conceptual, methodological, demographic, geographic or interpersonal in nature. Authors who wish to submit a symposium proposal will be responsible for collaborating with colleagues to write a single proposal. IARR will not be responsible for locating or matching colleagues who are interested in creating a symposium proposal.

When authors submit a conference proposal, they will be asked to select which of the four presentation types they prefer. In order to complete the proposal process for a poster, data blitz paper or full-length paper, authors will need to submit two versions of an abstract. The first version (limited to a maximum of 250 words) will be evaluated by reviewers. For a poster, data-blitz or full-length paper proposal, the authors should provide a clear description of a study's purpose or main research question, method (sample, measures), results (of data analysis) and conclusion (e.g., explain what was learned from the study). In addition, the authors will need to submit a second abstract (limited to a maximum of 100 words). This second abstract should provide a briefer summary of the study's purpose, method and results.

In order to complete the proposal for a symposium, the authors will need to submit a general summary statement (limited to a maximum of 300 words) plus an abstract for each paper (e.g., 3 abstracts for 3 papers; 4 abstracts for 4 papers). The summary statement should explain the relevance of the common topic and explain briefly how each paper is linked to this topic. Parallel to the poster, data-blitz and full-length papers, each paper abstract (a) is limited to a maximum of 250 words and (b) should provide an overview of the purpose, method, results and conclusion. In addition, a single briefer abstract (limited to a maximum of 100 words) for the symposium is required. This briefer abstract should be a condensed version of the summary statement.

Authors should not submit proposals which focus on studies which they intend to conduct in future months. For example, it would not be appropriate to submit an abstract which is based on only

research plans (e.g., "*In January 2022, I intend to recruit participants and distribute a questionnaire packet*"). Rather, proposals should only be submitted on studies in which authors have already collected some data and can report initial (or complete) results.

Proposals can focus on studies which include quantitative, qualitative or mixed-methods (quantitative plus qualitative) designs. Quantitative studies are not considered inherently superior to qualitative studies. However, it is important for researchers who use qualitative methods to describe how they are conducting data analysis. It would not be sufficient to simply state that open coding will occur.

It is acceptable to be an author on more than one proposal. A colleague is limited to first or sole (only) authorship on a maximum of three proposals. This limitation applies to poster and paper (data-blitz, full-length, symposia) presentation formats. A limitation is not placed on the number of subsequent author positions (e.g., second author, third author).

Each proposal will be evaluated by reviewers. The reviewers' scores will be used to determine which proposals are accepted for conference presentations. For each accepted proposal, the second version of the abstract (limited to a maximum of 100 words) will be listed in the Conference Programme book. This briefer version will provide a concise overview of the presenter's topic for the conference attendees.

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