



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Energising Healthcare

Congress on Health Leadership

Invitation

The Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) invites you and your colleagues to submit abstracts for papers and posters for our 2013 **ACHSM Asia Pacific Congress on Health Leadership: Energising Healthcare.**”

We are looking for health practitioners, health leaders/managers, medical managers, health service management academia/students, health facility planners and designers, and health consultants who have a passion for health. And we want them to share their ideas/innovations and experiences by putting up their hands to present on these six **key** Congress sub-themes below.

Congress Sub-themes

1. **National Reforms:** Local implementation: engaged consumers and health workforces.
2. **Health Sector Leaders:** Leadership and management competencies; developing and strengthening your leadership capabilities.
3. **Outcome focused Organizations and achieving results:** Quality of care measures and indices – what are the true measures? National standards and Advances/progress in Activity Based Funding (ABF).
4. **Engagement Partnering and Coalitions:** Cross sector working – public, private and NGO's; Community expectations at local level and Public/Private partnerships.
5. **Leading and Managing Health System Service Innovation:** Exemplar service/facility innovations in the last 1-2 years.
6. **Transformation:** Third order Evolutionary Change.

We want to hear your stories and share your experiences with our Congress delegates.

Timetable

January 2013

Publication of first announcement and Call for Abstracts

18 March 2013

Deadline for Abstracts

26 April 2013

Authors notified of decision of abstract status

3 May 2013

Preliminary program available and registrations open

August 2013

Deadline for full papers for peer-review for consideration by Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management (APJHM)

November 2013 – 2014

Successful papers published in APJHM (subject to double peer review)

Congress dates and schedule

Tuesday 27 August

ACHSM Fellows Dinner

Wednesday 28 August

Registration open from 8.00am

Congress and exhibition from 11.30 to 17.00

Welcome Reception from 17.30 – 19.00

Thursday 29 August

Congress and exhibition from 09.00 – 17.00

Congress dinner 19.00 to 23.00

Friday 30 August

Congress and exhibition from 08.30 to 13.00

Successful authors will be offered either a **platform (oral) presentation or a poster storyboard presentation** based on original unpublished work on any of the key Congress themes and sub-themes.

Authors may also choose to submit an abstract for consideration as a **Tabletop presentation** (see below).

Academic authors will be able to submit their full papers for double blind peer-review for consideration in our peer-reviewed **Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management.**

Congress theme and context

The overarching theme for this Congress is *Energising Healthcare*.

In the Australian context in particular, the building blocks for national health reforms are now in place – and the key health organisations and agencies are busy recruiting staff now to enable and embed the infrastructure and the policies. Having produced policy, strategies, legislation and structure for the system, it's now up to ACHSM members (and of course the wider health managers and medical administrators in the system) to make the best of what we have – to innovate and operationalise the system and make it work. Add ongoing funding constraints, budget cuts and limited resources into the mix and you soon realise that we need to be a whole lot smarter about managing health services. This will only be achievable through brilliant leadership, integration and innovation.

Objectives:

The objectives of this conference is to provide our delegates with provocative commentary ... insights, skills and knowledge and inspiration to do their very best to lead the way and show leadership in what needs to happen next.

To assist us with that, we have taken a 'lead' from Health Workforce Australia by testing out the proposed Australian Health Leadership Framework on which to frame the themes for this congress. Please click on the link below for further information.

<http://www.hwleadershipframework.net.au/>



The need for strong, innovative health leaders at all organisational levels and across all health sectors is critical to achieving the goal of building a sustainable Australian health system that meets the future demands of all communities ”

Etienne Scheepers, Executive Director of HWA's Workforce Innovation and Reform group

We encourage information sharing, networking and other potential synergies which go well beyond individual interests and disciplines.

In the spirit of shared knowledge and the breaking down of professional silos, the themes for discussion listed above cover general leadership and management issues that we see as important platforms on which to build a better health system.

Authors are also encouraged to consider submitting abstracts under 2 other formats:

- 1. Ideas from the Fringe:** featuring initiatives and projects which may be construed as sitting **on the 'fringe'** of the key themes. Introduced successfully for the first time at our 2010 Congress, we are looking for something a little different - a new and perhaps provocative or idiosyncratic approach to health services management and/or health facility design. Increasingly, there is a view that Congress sessions need to allow for more participation, engagement, amusement and entertainment by presenters - *Ideas from the Fringe* allows this to happen!
- 2. Tabletop Presentations:** Introduced for the first time at our 2012 Congress, Tabletops involve multiple presenters, with each presenter at a round table of approximately nine participants (subject to final numbers in that particular session). Presentations will be approximately 10 -12 minutes' duration, with 5-7 minutes to present, and five minutes for extension, adaptation and discussion of the presentation. Presenters and/or delegates move tables at the sound of the bell (or music!) and repeat their presentation. This gives participants a chance to hear about a number of innovative approaches, to ask questions for follow up and application in their local environment and to test their own ideas. In the spirit of the presentation format (short and sharp), powerpoint presentations are NOT permitted but handout / resource material can be brought along on the day.

Tabletop themes

- Effective support for healthcare people - achievements in valuing; supporting; and engaging with staff
- Information technology and clinical applications – contributions to outcomes of patient care
- Health facilities planning and design – contributions to outcomes of patient care
- Community engagement – community dialogue; representation; consultation; volunteers
- 'Closing the Gap' – strategies and programs in Indigenous health improvement

Student Papers: We are reaching out to ACHSM student members and those eligible for student membership to submit outlines for presentations on:

- the key themes set out for the conference
- current research and development activities
- vision and strategies to support early career workers in health services

Abstracts will need to **address** and **nominate** specifically which of the six key themes the abstract relates to (refer above) or whether it fits within the other formats available, namely

- a. Ideas from the Fringe;
- b. Tabletop;
- c. Student.

The Academic participants will be offered the opportunity for peer review and subsequent publication

How to get involved - Process & Timelines

Acceptance Process

1. Abstracts should be submitted by **Monday 18 March 2013**. They will be blind peer-reviewed by members of the Academic Sub Committee and other Congress committee members where appropriate.
2. Authors will be notified of decision of abstract status by no later than **Friday 26 April 2013**.
2. Successful authors will be offered either a platform (oral) presentation or a poster storyboard presentation in the nominated theme*. Authors of accepted abstracts will be given the opportunity to submit a full paper (no more than 3000 words) for double blind peer review for consideration for the College's peer-reviewed journal, the Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management. Successful authors who choose to undertake this additional academic rigour will need to submit papers by no later than **end of August 2012**.

*THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALLOCATE PRESENTATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE STREAMS AS THEY SEE FIT

Requirements for the Submission of Abstracts

- The Academic Sub-committee will blind peer-review all submitted abstracts.
- All abstracts must contain original work.
- All abstracts should be submitted electronically via our online submission program EasyChair <https://www.easychair.org/account/signin.cgi?conf=2013achsmcongress> by the due date - **Monday 18 March 2013**.
- Further guidelines for the preparation and submission of full papers (optional) will be sent upon their acceptance.
- All platform (oral) presenters will have the opportunity to use data projection (PowerPoint) for their presentation.
- The successful platform presenter(s) will be allocated 15-20 minutes to conduct their presentation; Tabletop presenters will be allocated 7-10 minutes. Poster storyboard presenters will be asked to speak to their posters at designated times in the posters area. Poster storyboard presenters will be able to access guidelines (format, size, etc) which will be posted to the Congress website.
- The successful presenter(s) will be required to register as a delegate for the Congress or the paper may be withdrawn. **Appropriately discounted early bird registration rates will apply.**
- Indicate which type of presentation is being proposed - platform (oral), poster, Ideas from the Fringe, Tabletop or Student..
- Identify which program theme topic being addressed.
- Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words.
- Abstracts must be submitted in English.

Further Information and Submission of Abstracts

Should you have any enquiries regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Background: Who we are

The **Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM)** promotes innovation and excellence in health leadership and management. It is our mission to equip health leaders for success - and the Congress is a key plank in that process offering Congress delegates the opportunity to share, learn, network and discuss key topics of interest on the international health management agenda.

ACHSM has been guiding Health Service professionals for nearly 65 years and is the largest multidisciplinary professional body representing health and aged care managers in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Our international, annual Congress typically brings together over 400 emerging, middle and senior management health leaders drawn from its diverse membership base to consider health services management best practice and how to improve health services management.

