

2nd Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference: *Bridging Research, Practice, and Policy*

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Deadline for Submissions: December 4, 2009
Notification of Acceptance: December 18, 2009

The Northwest Environmental Health Conference Planning Team is accepting abstracts for presentations. A variety of leading edge presentations addressing research, patient care, healthcare facilities, community based work, and current and emerging policy issues in the field of environmental health are being accepted for this 2nd Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference to be held at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon, March 5-6, 2010. *The goal of the conference is to increase the knowledge of participants about environmental health issues, engage and activate participants, as well as strengthen our environmental health community through networking.* Presenters from the following categories are encouraged to submit proposals: health care professionals (doctors, nurses, and alternative health), public health, environmental and occupational health managers, healthcare procurement specialists, and program managers from community based organizations.

CONFERENCE TRACKS & TOPICS OF INTEREST

We are seeking abstracts that focus on specific strategies to be implemented by health professionals to address and integrate environmental health considerations. Case study presentations are encouraged. **Submission topics need to clearly relate to one of the tracks listed below. The following topics are of greatest interest for this year's conference: 1) Healthy aging, 2) Child health, 3) Obesity, 4) Built environment, 5) Environmental justice & sustainability, and 6) Climate change.** However, if you have an innovative project or topic that does not quite fit into any of these categories, please submit. First consideration will go to projects that are unique, innovative, or otherwise new material.

The tracks for the 2010 Northwest Environmental Health Conference are:

- 1. Emerging Science & Research:** Presentations should address new and innovative research on environmental factors affecting human health.
- 2. Patient Care and Facilities Management:** Presentations may address, but are not limited to the following: Activities that integrate environment health outcomes into purchasing decisions, including: tools, resources, and policies, as well as the purchase of specific environmentally preferable medical supplies and devices. Activities and programs that integrate environmental health education and promotion into client care. Actions nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals are taking to integrate issues of health, environment, and safety into hospitals and practices.
- 3. Community Level Programs:** Presentations should describe programs that engage with, directly affect, and/or are led by members within a community.
- 4. Policy & Future Directions:** Presentations should address federal, state, county, local, or organizational policies and initiatives that address environmental health issues and concerns.

SUBMISSION OPTIONS

Submission options for the Environmental Health Conference are:

- **Individual presentation** - Individual presentations are recommended for the ***Patient Care and Facilities Management and Community Based Programs tracks***, which are 60 minutes in length. Up to two presenters are permitted per presentation and most likely two presentations will be scheduled per session. Presenters should be prepared to complete their presentations within 25 minutes.

- **Panel presentation** - Panels presentations are recommended for the **Emerging Science and Research and the Policy and Future Directions tracks**, which are each 75 minutes in length. Each panelist should prepare to present for approximately 20 minutes.
- **Poster presentation** – Posters are invited that align with the above identified track themes and topics. We are interested especially in current research (students welcome), case studies and community based projects. Posters will be viewable during the full conference and will be staged so that participants can view during breaks and lunch.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Topic:

- The topic is consistent with the conference theme/sub-themes and is compelling.
- The topic has current relevance and presents new information, a new application, or a fresh perspective on existing knowledge.

Textual Features of the Abstract:

- The abstract is well organized, concise, and clearly written
- The abstract has clear, worthy and measurable objectives.

Impact:

- The presentation illustrates the potential to improve knowledge and provides innovative, state-of-the-art, and/or state-of-the-science information.
- The author(s) indicate(s) the potential value/contributions of the presentation to science/society.

THE SUBMISSION PROCES

The Northwest Environmental Health Conference Proposal Team will review and evaluate proposals for individual merit and in comparison with other proposals. The review period will begin after the proposal deadline. We will contact you no later than the notification date to inform you whether your submission has been accepted.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by email to amanda@oregonpsr.org. *Only complete submissions will be considered.*

Proposal Review Schedule:

Proposals Due: December 4, 2009

Submitters Notified: December 18, 2009

Completed presentations due: February 19, 2010

Please note that you must register for the conference separately. Registration opens December 14th, 2009. One presenter per individual presentation will receive waived conference registration fees. For panel presentation, three presenters will receive waived conference registration fees. Presenters desiring CNE credits will be required to pay the associated fees.

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the conference. ***We look forward to seeing you in Portland, Oregon.***



APPLICATION FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

Please prepare presentation proposals to include the following information and submit proposals electronically by December 4, 2009 to: Amanda Lawrence, amanda@oregonpsr.org.

TRACK

- Emerging Science and Research
- Patient Care/Facilities Management
- Community Level Programs
- Policy & Future Directions

TITLE

ABSTRACT

Description as you would like it to appear on the web and in the conference program. Please describe your session in 100 words or less (including what you will present, how, and what participants will do):

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Describe how this session supports the conference theme, selected track, and what participants will learn. List 3 most important objectives, and describe the specific methods you will use. If there are multiple presenters, describe what each presenter will uniquely contribute to the session. (1 sentence per objective; 300-words maximum total)

SESSION FORMAT

(Lecture, Case Study, Interactive Workshop, Multi-media, Other - Describe)

SUBMISSION CATEGORY

- Individual presentation
Depending on the quantity and compatibility of submissions, you may be asked to present in a panel format. Is this something you would consider?
- Panel presentation
- Poster Presentation

PRESENTER 1 *(this is the Primary presenter to be contacted with questions)*

NAME

CREDENTIALS

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY

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PHONE

FAX

Email

SPEAKING EXPERIENCE (how often do you make public presentations, largest audience you have presented to)



PRESENTER 2

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SPEAKING EXPERIENCE (how often do you make public presentations, largest audience you have presented to)

PRESENTER 3 (for panel submissions only)

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BIOS OF PRESENTER (S)

Please provide brief biographical information for the conference program about each presenter (3-5 sentences; 150 word limit).

Direct questions concerning the submission process to:

Amanda Lawrence, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

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