

1st Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference: *Bridging Research, Care and Policy*

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, November 10th, 2008

Notification of Acceptance: Monday, December 1st, 2008

Submit abstracts electronically to Renee Paradis-Hackenmiller from the Oregon Environmental Council at reneep@oeconline.org.

The Northwest Environmental Health Conference Planning Team is accepting abstracts for presentations. A variety of leading edge presentations addressing research, patient care, healthcare facilities and current and emerging policy issues in the field of environmental health are being accepted for this 1st Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference to be held at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon, February 6th, 2009. *The goal of the conference is to increase the knowledge of participants about environmental health issues; engage and activate participants; and strengthen our environmental health community through networking.* Presenters from the following categories are encouraged to submit proposals: health care professionals (doctors, nurses, public health and alternative health), environmental and occupational health managers and healthcare procurement specialists.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

The tracks for Northwest Environmental Health Conference 2009 are:

- 1. Patient Care and Facilities Management:** Presentations may address but are not limited to the following : 1) 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 devises; 2)Activities and programs that integrate environmental health education and promotion into client care.; 3) Activities and programs that address pediatrics and environmental health. 4) Actions nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals are taking to integrate issues of health, environment, and safety into hospitals and practices.
 - 2. Policy:** Presentations may address but are not limited to the following : 1) Legislative initiatives and policy priorities that address environmental health issues and concerns, such as greenhouse gas reduction and bans on plastic. 2) Environmental health curriculum in medical education programs. 3) Environmental health and prevention in healthcare. 4) Health disparities and health equity as it relates to environmental health.
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SUBMISSION OPTIONS

Submission options for the Environmental Health Conference are:

- an individual paper presentation,
- a panel presentation (panels are 60 minutes)

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 above. However, if you have an innovative project or topic that does not quite fit into any of these categories, please submit (as we will consider a few innovative projects outside the boundaries of the conference tracks). First consideration will go to projects that are unique, innovative, or otherwise new material. Please be sure to note in your session description why your topic/project is different.

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 PROCESS

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

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.

Abstract Review

- Each abstract is reviewed by at least 2 reviewers. If there is a large discrepancy between the two reviews, a third reviewer will be enlisted.

- Abstracts are scored on a scale of 1 to 10 for each category with a maximum possible score of 60.
- Decision on whether an abstract will be selected rests with the Organizing Committee and is based on the average score and the recommendations of reviewers.
- Selection Notifications will be e-mailed by December 15, 2008.

Proposal Review Schedule:

Latest date to submit proposals: November 10, 2008

Notification of Submitters: December 1, 2008

Completed presentations due: January 30, 2008

Note that you must register for the conference separately. Registration opens December 1st, 2008. Selected presenters will receive waived conference registration fees. Presenters desiring CNE/CME credits will be required to pay the associated fees of \$25 for CNE and \$40 for CME credits.

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

APPLICATION FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

TRACK

Patient Care/Facilities Management

Policy

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, Panel Discussion, Case Study, Interactive Workshop, Multi-media, Other - Describe)

SUBMISSION CATEGORY

Individual presentation

Panel presentation

PRESENTER 1 *(for a 75 minute Panel submission, this is the Primary presenter to be contacted with questions)*

NAME

CREDENTIALS

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY

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

PRESENTER 2

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PRESENTER 3

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FACILITATOR (MUST BE FILLED IN FOR PANEL PRESENTATIONS)

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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:
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