



## **5th IASSIDD Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (5th APRC) 2-5 September 2020, Hyderabad, India**

The scientific committee for IASSIDD's APRC welcomes abstract submissions for the 5th IASSIDD Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, 2-5 September 2020, Hyderabad, India.

We encourage submissions from scientists, policy makers, service providers, advocates, family members, and people with an intellectual disability.

Abstracts can include research-based studies, analysis of policy, or evidence-based programme descriptions. They should focus on something new that has been tried and something new that has been learnt.

Submissions should indicate if presenters would like their abstract considered for: a poster presentation, an oral presentation, or a round table discussion.

Abstracts should be submitted under one of the following topics, based on IASSIDD's Special Interest Research Groups (SIRGs).

### **SIRG Abstract Topics**

1. Ageing and Intellectual Disability
2. Autism Spectrum Disorders
3. Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health
4. Comparative Policy and Practice
5. Down Syndrome
6. Ethics & Intellectual Disability
7. Families
8. Health Issues
9. Inclusive Education
10. Parenting with Intellectual Disability
11. Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities
12. Quality of Life

13. Early Intervention

14. OTHER

The OTHER track is designed to accommodate topics of importance that extend beyond or across SIRG topics. Examples of “OTHER” subtopics include, but are not restricted to:

- The Arts & Creativity – art, music and dance enhancing the lives of people with ID
- Women and Girls with ID – social, political and economic issues
- Faith Communities – the place of religion in the lives of people with disabilities and faith-based community action
- Poverty and Disability – social and economic solutions
- Sport – building healthy bodies, healthy minds, and healthy communities

### **Abstract Format**

Abstracts must be submitted in English, be presented in plain text (avoid technical language), and not exceed 200 words (excluding title).

**Abstracts for Oral and Poster Presentations** must be presented in the following format (abstracts not written using the following headings will not be considered by the committee):

- **Aims/Objectives**  
Why was this an important topic; what did we set out to do; what did we want to change; or what difference did we want to make?
- **Methods**  
Who was involved; what did we do; how did we go about doing the project or implementing the policy or programme?
- **Results**  
What did we find; what changes happened; what difference did we make?
- **Conclusions**  
What did we learn; how could others make use of what we found out; what would we recommend others do?

**Abstracts for Roundtable Discussions** must be submitted in the following form:

- Names of Discussion Leaders (at least two persons)
- Aims/Objectives of the discussion – Why is this an important topic?

### **Submission Rules**

- The official language of the Conference is English. Abstracts must be written in English using the online submission form on the Conference website.
- Abstracts sent by email, post or fax, or abstracts not in English will not be processed by the Conference secretariat and will not be acknowledged or forwarded to the reviewers.

- All abstracts must be submitted before 20 January 2020 5.30 pm Indian Standard Time (IST) via the official conference website [www.iassidd2020.com/call-for-abstracts/](http://www.iassidd2020.com/call-for-abstracts/). Submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail.
- The abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and selected presenters will be notified by 21 April 2020. The decision of the Scientific Committee is final.
- Early bird registration for the conference ends on 24 June 2020 . All selected presenters must register for the conference by 24 June 2020 for their presentations to be included in the final program.

## **Presentation Format**

Contributions to the conference may be submitted in one of several formats. You can select the format of your presentation during the online submission process.

## **Poster Presentation**

IASSIDD gives great value to poster presentations. There will be poster prizes. Select this option on the online submission form if you want your abstract to be considered for a poster presentation. Poster size is A0 with Portrait page orientation (84 cm width x 119 cm height) or (33 x 47 inches).

If accepted, authors will be given detailed instructions on how to prepare and mount their posters and where and when they will be expected to be present and discuss their work.

## **Oral Presentation Preferred**

Select this option on the online submission form if you want your abstract considered for an oral presentation. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to decide if an abstract submitted for oral presentation is better suited for poster presentation. Authors will be informed on the format for presentation once the review process has been concluded.

Each oral presenter will talk for 10 mins + 5 mins of question and answer. Presenters will be encouraged to prepare a PowerPoint presentation. Following acceptance, authors will be given clear instructions on where and when the presentation will take place and detailed guidance on preparing suitable slides.

## **Roundtable Discussion Preferred**

Select this option on the online submission form if you want your abstract to be considered for a Roundtable Discussion. The Scientific Committee will decide if it is a suitable topic for a Roundtable Discussion. Roundtable Discussions will be allocated about 1 hour. They require at least one person named to lead the discussion, and should also include the names of 2 or 3 other people who will support the discussion. Discussions should engage the whole audience in a conversation on a topic of importance. They are NOT oral or PowerPoint presentations.

## Substitute Presenters

Presenters who are unable to attend the Conference may nominate a substitute presenter, provided the substitute:

- is a co-author of the abstract
- is registered to attend the Conference

Information regarding change of presenting author must be conveyed by 24 June 2020 for the presentations to be included in the final program.

## Publication Rights

By submitting an abstract, the authors give the right to the Conference to publish the abstract in a journal of international repute.

## Key Dates

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| <b>Abstract Submission Starts</b>                            | 1 November 2019  |
| <b>Abstract Submission Ends</b>                              | 20 January 2020  |
| <b>Notification of Acceptance/Rejection</b>                  | 21 April 2020    |
| <b>EARY BIRD DEADLINE: Last date for Authors to register</b> | 24 June 2020     |
| <b>Start of the Conference</b>                               | 2 September 2020 |

If you need assistance, please contact: [abstracts@iassidd2020.com](mailto:abstracts@iassidd2020.com).

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