

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2010

## PHAA 40th Annual Conference

Public Health in a 21st Century Society:

New ways of knowing | doing | living



27 - 29 September 2010

Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Abstract Submission Closes 7 April 2010**



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## Invitation & Themes

We are pleased to invite you to the 40th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of Australia. The theme of our Conference focuses on the impact on our health of how we live, work, and play in today's world. The conference will address how public health is affected by 21st Century ways of 'knowing, doing and living'.

**Knowing:** What new forms of knowledge drive the 21st Century? What are the effects on public health?

**Doing:** What new issues, practices, programs and priorities inform public health in the 21st Century? What are the consequences for researchers, policy makers and practitioners?

**Living:** What new social structures, work and leisure environments are being created in the 21st Century? What are the impacts on population health?

Abstracts related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health are particularly welcome across all of the conference streams.

We are looking for the main conference themes to be well represented in abstract submissions. Whilst people submitting abstracts need to be able to interpret their material to fit the audience and the program, abstracts can be submitted under the full range of public health issues.

The streams and sub-themes for the Conference programme are as follows.

### **Stream: Technology, the Digital Age and Communication**

We have entered an age of new technologies that is unprecedented in the rapidity and extent of change. These technologies are impacting on all aspects of our lives. Medical technologies hold out hopes for longer and more productive lives, but will they provide the promised benefits? If so, at what price? Digital communication technologies impact on many facets of our lives: from increased accessibility, data surveillance and monitoring, to social networking (particularly for young people), to online service provision. How can public health harness the potential of these technologies, and what are the pitfalls?

Sub-themes include:

- Nanotechnology
- Health technologies
- Genetically Modified Foods
- E-health
- Impact of new technology on health promotion and health equity
- Social networking and the media
- Data linkage

### **Stream: Climate Change, Emerging Diseases and the Environment.**

No meeting of public health professionals today can ignore the significant public health implications of climate change and its consequences for our natural environments. There is increasing recognition of the importance of our built environments and the potential for new interdisciplinary public health partnerships is emerging. Public health issues in the physical, mental and emotional health spheres related to these changes are being identified and processes for adequately monitoring them need to be developed. In many instances, climate change is affecting existing diseases, but there are also new and emerging diseases that challenge our public health practice.

Sub-themes include:

- Impact of drought
- Impact of 'natural' disasters (e.g. bushfires, floods)
- Epidemiology of emerging diseases
- Health effects of climate change
- Environmental stress and health
- Food supply and food security

### **Stream: Living, Working and Playing in the 21st Century**

Social structures of our 21st Century world are changing. We are seeing significant movements of populations, increasing health inequalities - both within developed countries and between developed and developing countries. Populations throughout the developed world are ageing dramatically and developing world populations are increasingly younger. Changing social structures are influencing how we live and work, and affecting our leisure time. These factors are crucial to public health and need close examination.

Sub-themes include:

- Social determinants of health
- Impacts of the demographic shifts in ageing
- Food and eating
- Changing ways of working
- Housing and neighbourhood environments
- New and emerging populations – immigration, refugees and social inclusion
- New roles and responsibilities for public health practitioners

## Presentations

**All presenters must register and pay the conference registration fee.**

We wish to encourage productive discussion, interaction and networking. This can be achieved through formal oral presentations followed by short discussions. Workshops can provide greater levels of interaction between audience and presenters. The program will promote informal contact between poster presenters and the audience. In time-slots designated in the program, poster presenters will be invited to be available for consultation.

How oral presentation sessions will work:

- presenters will have a total of 15 minutes, (10 minutes to present & 5 minutes discussion)
- the duration of the sessions will be 60 or 90 minutes
- the session will have a nominated chair
- all presentation rooms will be equipped for electronic presentations

## Poster Presentations

- designated periods will be allocated in the program when presenters will attend their posters

## Abstract Submission

We welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to the conference themes. Priority will be given to papers that offer critical or reflective comment rather than purely program descriptive oral papers.

Presentations on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health are particularly welcome. Presenters of research focusing on particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are to provide with their abstract an additional paragraph outlining whether the relevant community/ies have provided permission to publicise the research findings.

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the online facility on the Annual Conference page on the PHAA website: <http://www.phaa.net.au>

Select the Abstract Submission tab and follow the prompts. It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure that the abstract uploaded to the server is the correct version.

Online abstract document loading is via browsing your selected computer drive. Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published exactly as received and should be checked for spelling and grammar prior to submission. Do not submit a version with 'track changes' active.

## Abstract Requirements

- All intended presentations require the submission of an abstract. All abstracts will be subject to peer review.
- The abstract title should be no longer than 12 words.
- The abstract should commence with the abstract title, presenter/s' name and organisation and the authors' names only.
- The abstract should be a **maximum of 200 words** in simple text paragraphs without tables or sub-headings.
- If there is more than one presenter, all correspondence will be sent to the person whose name and email address is entered with the abstract.
- Guidelines for preparation of posters will be provided once abstracts have been accepted.

## **Conference Updates**

Conference updates will be published on the PHAA website <http://www.phaa.net.au>

## **Registration**

From 8 April 2010, conference registration will be available electronically using the online facility on the Annual Conference page of the PHAA website: <http://www.phaa.net.au>

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## **About PHAA**

PHAA provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information about public health issues nationally and internationally. PHAA's members represent over 40 public health disciplines. Membership is open to individuals and organisations who are supportive of the Association's objectives.

PHAA has branches in all States and Territories and has overseas members. Individual membership attracts reduced registration fees for attendance at PHAA Conferences, workshops and seminars. Benefits of Corporate membership allow up to five nominated persons to attend PHAA conferences, workshops and seminars at the PHAA membership rate.

## **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship and exhibition packages are available for this event. Please contact: [marketing@phaa.net.au](mailto:marketing@phaa.net.au)

## **Venue**

The Conference will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000.

**For further information contact the PHAA Secretariat via email: [conference@phaa.net.au](mailto:conference@phaa.net.au) or Phone: (02) 6285 2373**



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