



Communicable Disease Control Conference 2011

Science and Public Health:
meeting the challenges
of a new decade

4-6 April 2011
Hotel Realm
Canberra, ACT

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Submission Closes 2 February 2011

Invitation

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) and the Public Health Laboratory Network (PHLN) will hold a three day Communicable Disease Control Conference on Monday, 4th to Wednesday, 6th April 2011 in Canberra at the Hotel Realm.

The CDNA is the peak national body charged with managing public health aspects of infectious diseases in Australia. It is composed of representatives of health authorities from all states and territories, the Australian Government, other government bodies, and experts dealing with aspects of communicable disease management and other key bodies such as the PHLN. The PHLN is a national network of public health laboratories to support communicable disease management. It aims to provide strategic advice and share expertise at the national level in order to enhance the national capacity for the laboratory based detection and surveillance of agents and vectors of communicable diseases in Australia.

Aims

The Conference aims to promote evidence-based discussion around communicable disease control themes, including:

- communicable diseases considered to be under control
- communicable diseases which are poorly controlled, re-emerging or newly emerging
- communicable disease issues of importance to Indigenous peoples, and
- the impact of communicable diseases locally, regionally and globally.

Presentations may address any communicable disease of public health significance, new or emerging, natural or deliberate, and may relate to the health effects as well as the broader economic, trade and social consequences of disease. The Conference will place a key emphasis on communicable disease control issues of importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Presentations

The Conference is relevant to:

- Public Health Professionals
- Epidemiologists
- Clinicians
- Public Health Policy Makers
- Vaccine Specialists
- Laboratory (Diagnostic, Reference or Research) Scientists
- Public Health Academics and Researchers
- Medical Journalists
- Students in the fields of Public Health and Disease Control, and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Professionals

Keynote Speakers

Noted experts working in various disciplines of communicable disease control will provide keynote addresses introducing each theme to Conference participants.

Conference sessions will cover:

- surveillance and surveillance systems
- laboratory based surveillance and diagnosis
- infectious disease outbreaks
- health risk communication
- climate change impacts on infectious disease
- influenza and pandemic preparedness
- indigenous health
- antimicrobial resistance
- vaccine preventable diseases
- zoonotic diseases
- bloodborne diseases
- sexually transmitted infections
- foodborne diseases
- arboviral diseases
- emerging fields in public health
- international and regional issues, and
- globally mobile populations

Abstracts and conference registrations are invited for the *Communicable Disease Control Conference: Science and Public Health meeting the challenges of a new decade, 4-6 April 2011*.

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Abstract Submission

We welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to all aspects of communicable disease control activities, especially those focusing on the Conference theme. Priority will be given to papers that offer critical or reflective comment rather than purely program descriptive oral papers.

Presentations on Indigenous health will be particularly welcome. Presenters of Indigenous research focusing on particular 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 Communicable Disease Conference page on the PHAA website: <http://www.phaa.net.au>

A template with abstract layout will be provided on the website

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

Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published exactly as received and should be checked for accuracy prior to submission. Do not submit a version with 'track changes' active.

Abstracts are to be submitted under the following:

- International and Globally Mobile Populations
- Influenza
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Health
- Vaccines
- Laboratory Aspects of Public Health
- Modelling
- Zoonoses and Arboviruses
- Bloodborne and Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Foodborne Diseases
- Surveillance Methods
- Respiratory Diseases
- Infections in Vulnerable Groups
- Other

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 dot points
- 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
- All presenters must register and pay the conference registration fee

Presentations

Oral presentations

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

Oral poster presentations

- there will be a concurrent session for oral poster presentations
- presenters will have a total of six minutes to present with four minutes to speak using up to four power point slides and be prepared to answer one question briefly
- the session will have a nominated chair

Poster presentations

- designated periods will be allocated in the program when presenters will attend their posters
- Guidelines for preparation of posters will be provided once presentation offers have been confirmed

Registration

From 1 December, 2010, conference registration will be available electronically using the online facility on the *Communicable Disease Control Conference* page of the PHAA website: <http://www.phaa.net.au> Select the Conference Registration tab and follow the prompts.

Conference Updates

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

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 organizations 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

Accommodation

Visit the PHAA website for information about accommodation options

Venue: Hotel Realm, National Circuit, Barton, ACT

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