



Abstract Submission Closes 5 March 2010

17 - 19 August 2010
Adelaide Convention Centre
Adelaide

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Invitation

The last ten years have been momentous for immunisation programs in Australia. The decade began with universal Hepatitis B vaccine in 2000, and culminated in the influenza H1N1 vaccine in 2009. In the interim were another seven vaccines or programs including: Pneumococcal vaccine for the young and old, Meningococcal C vaccine, Pertussis for adolescents, Varicella, Human Papilloma Virus and Rotavirus. While there may be fewer totally new programs in the coming decade, the need for evidence about what is done and how it is done will only increase in an era of evidence-based practice.

The 12th National Immunisation Conference – *Evidence and Strategies for a New Decade*, will encompass the most important aspects of where we have come from and where we are going in immunisation in Australia. Attendees will hear about development of a new national immunisation strategy and new arrangements between the Commonwealth and jurisdictions. The broader international context for vaccination will be on the agenda. The latest evidence and new ways of communication about adverse events will be considered. It will also be time to consider evaluation of existing vaccines and new vaccines. In addition, successful and innovative immunisation programs will be presented.

The program has been designed to provide lively and productive discussions and contributions from all professionals engaged in immunisation from laboratory bench to clinic, from academia to the coalface.

We invite you to submit any papers of interest.

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

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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 Immunisation 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

For delegates submitting abstracts: from 6 March 2010, conference registration using your Access Key will be available electronically via the online facility on the Immunisation Conference page of the PHAA website: <http://www.phaa.net.au>

Select the Conference Registration tab and follow the prompts.

For registration prior to online availability: from 2 December 2009, use the pdf form available for download on the Immunisation Conference page. Completed registration forms should be returned to the PHAA Secretariat by fax or post.

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

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

For further information contact the PHAA

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