



Public Health Association
AUSTRALIA

Immunisation: New Frontiers



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Darwin Convention Centre
Darwin

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract submission closes 7 February, 2012

Invitation

Immunisation: new frontiers

Australia has a comprehensive national immunisation program including vaccines against the common preventable infectious diseases known to cause widespread and serious illness in humans, a vaccine register (the ACIR) showing high coverage for childhood vaccines, and sophisticated and effective delivery mechanisms, including maturing school-based vaccine programs. Perhaps now should be the time when those involved in immunisation in Australia can sit back, relax, and enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done? This is not likely, as challenges and new frontiers in immunisation continue to present themselves. There is an important renewed focus on adverse events following immunisation and the possibility of new structures to deal with and respond to safety signals. As well as this, we will see the implementation of a new National Immunisation Strategy, and a new system for the procurement of vaccines at a national level. We have also seen enormous public health resources invested in managing the recent pertussis epidemic, with this highly prominent disease being least well controlled by our current vaccines. The next few years will most likely see more new vaccines, such as against meningococcal B, new influenza vaccines, and more vaccines for use in adults, such as zoster and conjugate pneumococcal vaccines. As our information on the impact of our current programs is in ever greater demand, new methods, such as data linkage, to assess vaccine coverage and impact on disease are also top of mind.

With these and many other issues to consider, we invite you to the 13th National Immunisation Conference – New Frontiers.

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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>

A template with abstract layout is provided on the conference webpage.

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.

All presenters must register at the time of confirming their acceptance of presentation offer and pay the conference registration fee

Conference Themes

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 service provision coalface. We invite you to submit abstracts under the following session themes:

1. Influenza
2. Human papillomavirus
3. Rotavirus
4. Pertussis
5. Varicella and other viruses
6. Pneumococcal and other bacterial diseases
7. Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'
8. Service delivery
9. Social science of immunisation (aka knowledge, attitudes, and practice)
10. Vaccine safety
11. Coverage and data linkage

Presentations

Oral presentations

- 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 Requirements

- All intended presentations require the submission of an abstract. All abstracts will be subject to peer review
- Refer to template on the conference webpage for abstract layout
- 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 (refer to template)
- 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

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Presentation offers will be advised by mid March, 2012

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Earlybird registration closes 4 April, 2012

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: membership@phaa.net.au

The Conference will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre, Stokes Hill Road, Darwin, Northern Territory

Conference Updates

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

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



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