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The Lancet and the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centres, Universities and National Academies are now accepting submissions of abstracts for presentation at its upcoming Regional World Health Summit – Latin America – São Paulo, 2014 as part of the competitive New Voices for Global Health program. Submissions will be considered through January 31, 2014, and authors of selected abstracts will have a chance to present their work at the World Health Summit Regional Meeting, which will be held from April 6-8, 2014 in São Paulo and published in a special booklet that will be distributed at the Regional Meeting and on The Lancet's website.

Important Dates for Abstract Submission

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2014

Notification: February 2014

Instructions for Abstract Submission

New Voices in Global Health Forum - Submission Guidelines

The New Voices in Global Health Forum is open to all. Abstracts should address current issues with a special focus on the main themes of this year's World Health Summit.

- Abstracts must be free of commercial bias or promotion. Only one abstract per person is permitted;
- All abstracts must be submitted online. Upon completion of submission, you will receive a confirmation of receipt;
- Paper copies and word document attachments of abstracts will NOT be accepted;
- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words in length and written in English with no references, figures, or tables;
- Charts, tables and references cannot be submitted;
- The argumentation presented in your submission must be clearly written, coherently developed and backed with concrete experiences and/or data;
- We encourage you to compose the abstract text in your own word processor before submitting it online. The abstract submission forms support text only. Do not use bolding, underlines, columns or scientific symbols. Do not use graphs or tables;
- Please note that an abstract once submitted cannot be changed.

Abstracts should generally be structured as shown below:

Title of manuscript

- Should be descriptive and include the type of study—e.g., a cross-sectional survey, a randomised controlled trial.



Names and affiliations of authors

- Provide full names and affiliations (name of organisation, city, state if applicable, and country) for all authors
Provide full postal (including post or zip code) and email addresses and title for corresponding author
Indicate full professors
Provide one degree or qualification for all authors

Background

- Context
- Why the study was done, in one or two sentences
- Aim
- State specific aim/s or hypothesis, if appropriate

Methods

Study design

- Indicate where the study was done—countries and how many centres/hospitals. What was the study design—eg, randomised controlled.
- If appropriate, provide information about randomisation, masking, and stratification (how were participants allocated to groups? Were participants, investigators, and those assessing outcomes masked to group assignment?)

Participants

- Who were they? How were they recruited? How many were studied? Were they male or female, children or adults? What were the inclusion and exclusion criteria?

Interventions

- If appropriate. For example, for drugs please provide rINN, doses, route, and schedule of administration.

Analysis

- What were the primary outcomes; how did you decide on or calculate the number of individuals to be included in the study; what statistical tests did you use?
- If a randomized controlled trial, was the analysis per protocol or intention to treat, or something else? - Details of ethics approval and patient consent.
- Was informed consent (written or verbal) obtained from the participants or their guardians? Who approved the study? - If applicable, please provide registration number and name of trial register.

Findings



- Provide number of participants assigned and analyzed in each group.
- Describe outcomes, data, and statistical tests if appropriate. For example, for randomized controlled trials, the actual numbers and percentages for the primary outcome/s, and estimated effect size (eg, odds ratio) and its precision (eg, 95% CI).
- Please report SD for mean values and IQR for medians, and give exact p values unless $p < 0.0001$
 - Any important adverse events/side-effects

Interpretation

- General interpretation of the results and their significance.
- Outline limitations and strengths of the study.

Funding

- Source of funding (if none, say so).
- Contributors Provide a statement outlining who contributed what to the study—eg, SC did the statistical analysis. HJ wrote the Abstract with input from SC. All authors have seen and approved the final version of the Abstract for publication

Conflicts of interest

- Declare any conflict for all authors, if none then add “I/We declare that I/we have no conflicts of interest.”

Acknowledgments

- If appropriate, provide details. If you wish to thank or acknowledge any individuals for their work in relation to this Abstract, please provide signed statements from them agreeing to be cited in your Abstract.

General Information on Abstract Submission

Abstract Review

Decision on whether an abstract will be selected rests with the Selection Committee taking the recommendations of the reviewers into account. Evaluation criteria (1) quality and originality of research; (2) practical application; (3) learning objectives (4) completed research; (5) clarity and completeness of abstract; and (6) relevance and importance to theme.

Notification

All authors will be notified by email in early February 2014 of the status of their abstracts. Notification will be via the email address entered in your contact information submitted with your abstract.

Upon acceptance of abstract

Registration fees



The registration fees for the entire Regional World Health Summit – Latin America – São Paulo (April 6th-8th) will be waived for all participants whose abstracts have been accepted by the Program Committee.

40 Abstracts will be selected for poster session
20 for publication in The Lancet
5 for presentation in the oral session (free registration)

Travel grants

The Regional World Health Summit – Latin America – São Paulo, 2014 will provide a limited number of travel grants. For more information and to apply for a grant, please [click here](#).

Presentation at the World Health Summit

Poster Session

Poster-Session with charts that describe their project or study are encouraged. The World Health Summit recommends that the poster be presented by the first author. If that is not possible, an author must be designated to present at the session.

Presenter must be available to speak with participants during the scheduled 60-minute Poster Lunch Session.

Poster Dimension: The size of your poster should not exceed 100cm (width) x 250cm (height).

Oral Session

The participant will hold a presentation no longer than 10 min at the Forum session. The presenter will have 5 min for discussion.

Publication of the chosen abstracts

Accepted Abstracts will be published on the website of THE LANCET and the World Health Summit as well as in the special Lancet publication which will be available at the World Health Summit.

If you have questions regarding the New Voices in Global Health Program and the abstract submission, please send an e-mail to whsrn2014@abstractserver.com.

Abstract Submission

To submit your abstract for the the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2014, click on <http://www.abstractserver.com/whsrn2014/absmgm/>

Best regards,

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