

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts

The Program Committee for 2010 will organise peer review of all abstracts in order to ensure both the quality of the program and to enable their publication. Priority will be given to abstracts that address the key topics listed below. The Program Committee, where possible, will provide advice to authors whose abstracts do not initially meet the committee's criteria for inclusion in the program. They will then be asked to resubmit their abstract with the appropriate changes made to be finally accepted. All abstracts must be received by 1 March 2010.

Conference Themes

The conference theme is "Seeking Excellence". In line with this theme, the Program Committee is seeking excellent abstracts related to the following topics: Partnerships; Positive Supports; Service Provision; Ethics; Autism; Behaviour; Health; Aging; Quality of Life; Social Inclusion; Education; Individualised Funding; Relationships; Advocacy; Mental Health and Families.

Presentation Types

Successful abstracts will be allocated to one of four types:

1. Poster: Scheduled session
2. Oral Presentation: 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions
3. Workshop: 90 minutes
4. Symposia: 90 minute group presentation
 - Groups of 3 presenters may submit abstracts on the same theme with the view to present together.
 - The organising committee may also group authors who have submitted related abstracts.

Please nominate your preferred presentation type on the online Abstract Submission Form. Presentations which are not accepted in their preferred presentation type, may be selected for an alternative presentation; i.e., a workshop may be offered a concurrent session, or authors may be grouped together.

Oral Presentation

Presentations will need to address the conference theme and key topics. Each presentation will be approximately 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion (depending on the final timetable). Presenters will be expected to plan for discussion as part of the presentation.

Symposia

A symposium will consist of three (3) presentations on a single theme, relevant to the conference. Each paper will be presented by a different author. It is expected that the papers will be submitted collectively by a single symposium co-ordinator.

Poster Sessions

Posters are visual presentations that will be on display during the conference. There will be times nominated during the conference at which authors will be expected to be available to discuss their poster with delegates. Poster sessions can be an effective way of sharing your work with a broader audience than might otherwise attend an oral presentation. Participants will need to ensure that their actual poster display does not exceed 1200cm x 1800cm. These will be mounted on a display panel, with relevant Poster Defence time allocated in the program. Full poster preparation guidelines will be provided to interested parties closer to the conference date. Authors will be asked to bring their final poster with them to the conference.

Workshops

Workshops (approximately 90 minutes) are participatory sessions. The focus of a workshop will be on participants developing new skills in an area relevant to the conference theme.

ABSTRACT CONTRIBUTION PROCESS

TIMELINE

All abstracts will be peer reviewed and will adhere to the timeline below. Please note that dates cannot be changed.

1.	Abstract submission deadline	1 March 2010
2.	Program Committee responds to abstract submission	31 March 2010
3.	Abstracts requiring review are re-submitted Abstracts not re-submitted by this date will be removed from the program	19 April 2010
4.	Provisional program published	6 August 2010
5.	Conference	29, 30 September, 1 October 2010

SUBMISSION – OXFORD ABSTRACTS

- Abstracts must be submitted electronically via Oxford Abstracts, an on-line submission site which must be accessed via the conference website's Abstract Submission Page at www.assid.org.au
- When you log onto Oxford Abstracts you must first register as a user, you will then be emailed a full set of instructions and a template
- Abstracts must be submitted in the template format

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

It is understood that in submitting an abstract, you are indicating your intention to register for the conference, subject to your abstract being accepted. Papers, including posters will not be scheduled for presentation until registration payment is received. Payment must be received by 30 June 2010.

- Abstracts must be of original works
- Be no longer than 250 words in 11pt Arial or 12pt Times New Roman
- Abstracts should specifically include details of a clear background (why this topic is important), method (a description of what was done), results (what happened or what was found), and implications (what does this mean and how others might use this information)
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit, however authors **MUST** submit a separate abstract for each presentation put forward for consideration
- Presentation proposals where the sole purpose is to promote a commercial product will not be accepted and will be referred to the Sponsorship and Exhibitors Coordinator
- Once submitted, changes to your abstract cannot be made
- Minor grammatical changes will be at the discretion of the Program Committee for editing purposes
- Failure to comply with the abstract submission guidelines or process could result in your abstract being withdrawn from the peer review process
- All successful abstracts and author contact details will appear in its full form in the Conference Program, which will be printed and published for distribution to all conference delegates. Note that your abstract will appear in print as it is received
- ASSID is not in the position to offer payment for presentations other than to off-set certain expenses for keynote sessions or other invited speakers as previously negotiated