



9th International Conference on Urban Health 2010 New York City

The 9th International Conference on Urban Health *Good Governance for Healthy Cities*

October 27 – 29, 2010

New York, NY

The New York Academy of Medicine

Call for Abstracts, Workshops, and Special Sessions
Application Timeline: April 1 – May 31, 2010

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OR

Go to: <http://www.abstractserver.com/icuh2010/>

Deadline for abstract submission: 23:59 EDT, May 31, 2010.

Conference Theme:

This year's theme, *Good Governance for Healthy Cities*, was chosen to showcase ***the importance of governance in creating healthy cities and improving the health of urban populations***, as well as the social and public health policies that are required to address these issues. Cities are becoming larger, more diverse and complex and involve multiple sectors that advance their views and contest space. Healthy urban governance involves transparent, inclusive and accountable approaches to address common concerns and pressing problems. The conference will address governance in a number of ways: how governments can develop and implement policy that improves the health of all urban residents and reduces urban inequities; how non-health sectors that determine urban social environments might come together to impact and improve health; and how government, civil society and business can combine to conduct health impact assessments and promote health in all policies. The conference invites presentations of original studies, analyses, evaluations and best practices in a multitude of sectors: health services, violence and security, transportation and injuries, housing and infrastructure, urban planning, neighborhoods and the urban environment, reproductive and maternal child health, the social determinants of health, substance use and homeless populations, and still others.

By holding this conference in New York, NY, one of the leading cities in the world, we intend to foster international research and policy exchanges to collectively improve the understanding of the common health and social risks faced by urban residents and communities and to influence the development of effective public health interventions across the globe. Perspectives and lessons from different countries can be valuable to share, and New York City's experience shows that North-South exchanges can lead to effective, inclusive, and comprehensive policies to improve urban health.

Therefore we encourage academics, professionals, members of non-profit organizations, policymakers, community members, and individuals from the private sector of ***diverse backgrounds and disciplines*** to submit an abstract for the conference.



Please refer to the instructions and more specific sub-themes below to identify a potential track for your paper, workshop, or other special session.

What is urban health and why cities?

Urban Health is a *multidisciplinary and multisectoral approach* to promoting public and individual health in the urban setting. Public, private and non-governmental sectors all contribute to urban health including: public health, urban planning, social work, education, engineering, architecture, law, media, food and agriculture, community development, environmental protection, transportation, economics, to mention a few. In other words, improving urban health relies on the partnerships of many stakeholders.

The field of Urban Health is rooted in the World Health *Organization Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion* (1986), whereby “health promotion is not just the responsibility of the health sector, but goes *beyond healthy life-styles to well-being.*” Urban health has developed as important changes in patterns of disease and disability have been noted in urban populations, encouraging health professionals to expand their vision to include social, economic, and environmental determinants of health.

Such issues have been magnified in our rapidly urbanizing world. Today nearly 50% of the world’s population lives in urban settings, and by 2030 almost 60% of humanity will live in cities. Much of that population lives in less wealthy nations, and in areas of urban poverty, or slums. The proportion of urban residents who are significantly economically disadvantaged is expected to grow in the next 50 years. The growth of cities in lower and middle income countries has outstripped the corresponding growth in infrastructures, security, and food, water, and sanitation availability, resulting in the “dual epidemiological burden” of chronic and infectious diseases.

Cities, researchers have discovered, can both foster and harm good health. For example, high population densities and slums can harbor and export disease, and urban sprawl can increase social isolation, negatively impact the environment and reduce physical activity. Healthy cities, however, can create opportunities for health promotion and may confer an “urban health advantage” on citizens by increasing their physical activity, fostering more social interaction, and centralizing health resources.

Abstract, Workshop, and Special Session Application Process

The 9th International Conference on Urban Health now invites abstract, workshop, and special session submissions for consideration in the conference program.

Abstracts

The conference will consist of multiple concurrent oral sessions, poster presentations, and oral-poster sessions. Oral poster sessions will be organized around to be determined themes and will allow researchers to present their findings to an open audience. To be considered for a session at the



conference you are required to submit a detailed abstract of 150-300 words. **Individual authors may not submit more than 2 abstracts.** Abstracts must not have been previously published. Abstracts should be clear, concise and written in English. The English must be well written and should be checked by someone well versed in English writing.

Please include all co-authors on your research and indicate who will be the presenting author. In addition, be sure to fill out appropriate contact information for yourself, including a valid email address. In submitting your abstract please choose your preferred type of session (oral, poster, or oral-poster) and a topic area from the list below:

1. Governance, Partnerships, and Urban Health Policy
 1. Local Governments and Health Development
 2. Innovative Urban Partnerships for Health
 3. Health Impact Assessments
 4. Health in All Policies (HIAP)
 5. Community Approaches to Urban Health
 6. Links between National and Local Governments to Address Local Issues.
 7. Civil Society and Government to Address Health Inequities
 8. Governance: Public Private Partnerships to Address Determinants of Health
 9. Innovative Methods and Measurements
 10. Other
2. Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health
 1. Service delivery
 2. Family planning
 3. Integration of Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Services
 4. Sexual Health of Youth
 5. Supply and Demand Creation
 6. Innovations in Financing
 7. Innovative Methods and Measurements
 8. Other
3. Aging and Health in Urban Settings
 1. Planning and Policies for Age-friendly Cities
 2. Economic and Social Determinants of Healthy Aging
 3. Addressing Disability in Urban Settings
 4. Other
4. Global Urbanization Processes and Prospects
 1. Climate Change, Urban Health, and Sustainable Development
 2. Urbanization and Health in the Developing World
 3. Urban Poor Funds, Micro-finance approaches, and Public-Private Partnerships
 4. Demography: Migration, Fertility, Mortality, Drivers of Urbanization
 5. Other
5. Urban Health Disparities
 1. Drivers of Slum Formation



2. Neighborhood-Level Influences on Health
3. Residential Segregation and Health
4. Serial Displacement and Health
5. Areas of Concentrated Disadvantage and Health
6. Other
6. Drug use, Mental Health, and the Urban Environment
 1. Substance Use and Mental Health
 2. Substance Use and Disease Linkages
 3. Other
7. Urban Physical Environment and Health
 1. Housing and Health
 2. Transportation and Health
 3. Road Safety: Injuries, Road Traffic.
 4. Water, Sanitation, and Solid Waste
 5. Noise
 6. Indoor and Outdoor Air Pollution
 7. Land Tenure and Housing Security
 8. Innovative Methods and Measurements
 9. Other
8. Food Security and Nutrition
 1. Obesity and Overweight
 2. Urban Food Deserts
 3. Urban Agriculture
 4. Urban Food Policy
 5. Food Availability
 6. Other
9. Urban Social Environment and Health
 1. Social Capital and Social Networks and Health
 2. Education and Health Linkages
 3. Violence and Urban Security
 4. Innovative Methods and Measurements
 5. Other
10. Diseases in Urban Settings
 1. HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
 2. Other Communicable Diseases
 3. Non-communicable Diseases
 4. Innovative Methods and Measurements
 5. Other
11. Urban Health Metrics
 1. Mapping, GIS, Remote Sensing
 2. Health Information Systems at the Local Level
 3. Census and Surveys – methods
 4. Standardization of Instruments and Methods



5. Other
12. Other

You must create an account in the system to submit abstracts. After an abstract has been created, modifications can be made until the abstract submission deadline (May 31, 2010). No modifications can be made once the abstract has been submitted. To modify a submitted abstract please contact the ICUH 2010 abstract team at icuh2010@abstractserver.com

Note: If you created an account for ICUH 2009 or ICUH 2008, you do not need to create a new account. You can retrieve your user name and password, click on lost/forgotten password from the login page.

- **Abstract category:** The abstract category is the general heading under which your abstract will be reviewed and later published if accepted. You must choose one abstract category which best describes the subject of your abstract.
- **Abstract title:** The abstract title must indicate the nature of the investigation with no abbreviations or author/ institution names
- **Abstract body:** The text of the abstract should briefly state the objective, methods, result and conclusion of the study.
 - The abstract body must not exceed 300 words.
 - Do not include any personal author information in the abstract body.
 - Do not include any grant names or references in your abstract body
 - Authors can modify the abstract when it is in “draft” status only. Proof read your abstract carefully before final submission.
- **Authors:** All authors must be entered in the appropriate fields within the system’s author function.
- **Preview:** Always check the final abstract with the system’s preview function before final submission, and edit or replace as necessary. It is the author’s responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.
- **Submission:** Choose a preferred presentation type with the system’s submission function and fill out the appropriate sections of the disclosure agreement.

Following complete submission, your abstract will undergo a rigorous blind review process. If your abstract is accepted, please note that conference organizers may choose to set your presentation in a session that was not your original topic area. In addition, due to time constraints, your preferred type of session may not be selected; for example, you may have selected oral presentation, but conference organizers will have selected a poster presentation for you. In this case, you may not appeal this decision, but if an oral session opens up, you will be automatically selected for that session.



Organizers will duly notify you in time to prepare for the conference. If you have any questions regarding your abstract submission, please contact the ICUH 2010 abstract team at icuh2010@abstractserver.com

Workshops

The conference will include participant initiated workshops, training activities and other sessions on topics related to urban health. Workshops will be scheduled for before the conference as special registration pre-conference workshops and during the conference. In submitting your workshop proposal, please choose whether you would like to be considered for a pre-conference workshop or for a concurrent workshop. Pre-conference workshops would take place on Monday, October 25, and Tuesday, October 26, 2010 and will face fewer time constraints, but workshop organizers will be charged a fee for their space and any audio-visual requirements they may have. Concurrent workshops will be free but applications will be rigorously reviewed to select only the most relevant sessions to fit within the normal conference program. Those interested should submit their proposals through this sub-theme detailing the title of the activity, nature of activity, names of speakers, sub-topics to be covered, and number of people expected. Please include a 300 word abstract detailing the nature of your workshop.

Special Sessions

For special closed meetings, roundtables, or panels that you would like to organize, please submit an application detailing title of the activity, 300-word abstract detailing nature of your activity, names of speakers and participants, sub-topics to be covered, and expected number of participants, if any. Following receipt of applications in this area, organizers will work closely with applicants to arrange for these sessions.

Deadline for Submissions:

Monday, May 31, 2010

The abstract submission process will close for all session types at 11:59 PM, Monday, May 31, 2010. No abstracts will be accepted past this deadline.

Notice of Decision:

Friday, July 2, 2010

All individuals who submit an abstract or application will be notified of our decision by Friday, July 2, 2010, via email.

We look forward to seeing you in New York!