



International Network for
Health Workforce Education

Call for Abstracts

**2nd International Congress of Health
Education and Research: Policy and Practice**

8-9 November 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

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2nd International Congress of Health Education and Research

We are very pleased to announce that the International Congress of Health Workforce Education & Research will take place at the Medical University in Sofia, Bulgaria on **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November 2018**. Hosted in collaboration with the Medical University of Sofia's Faculty of Public Health, the event aims to promote interdisciplinary co-operation and critical understanding of the latest research in the field of health workforce education, training and development. The Congress brings together researchers, educators, trainers and policy makers from around the world who are engaged and active in health workforce education.

Congress Theme: Policy and Practice

This year's Congress Theme looks at "Policy and Practice". It is too often the case that discussions relating to the education of health professionals (and the wider health workforce in general) policy does not include the perspectives of educators. The key objective of this Congress is to identify tools, techniques and approaches that integrate policy with educators' perspectives on improving the skills of health professionals. Current factors affecting our rapidly changing global healthcare systems are both diverse and numerous. Challenges include a lack of funding, ageing populations, chronic disease, multi-morbidity and anti-microbial resistance. In order to ease these pressures on health care systems, policy makers are increasingly looking to new solutions such as technological innovation, ehealth and mhealth, new professional roles, skill mix analysis and competency-based policy making. These solutions involve new ways of working and therefore require new skills and further training for the health workforce.

The benefits of creating, educating and maintaining a future-oriented and effective health workforce is recognised globally. However, further research, social dialogue and educational innovations are needed to ensure health workforces of the future are both sustainable and adaptive to new challenges. It is thus essential to develop policies that allow for the education of flexible health professionals capable of dealing with the ever-changing healthcare environment. INHWE and its global membership base contribute towards shaping this policy agenda by placing a multi-stakeholder and inter-professional approach at the heart of their work. By doing so, we contribute to supporting educators to employ the most effective teaching methods, researchers to identify the right skill combinations for future professionals, and policy makers to make effective changes to national and international planning and legislation.

The Congress welcomes presentations adopting local, national and/or international perspectives on the above issues. The Congress aims to bring together a range of stakeholders – abstracts can therefore reflect perspectives on teaching/training, research, and/or policy:

- *Teaching/Training*: possible topics include pedagogy, assessment methods, curricula, innovation, technology
- *Research*: possible topics include results from large-scale surveys, research projects, studies using innovative methods
- *Policy*: possible topics include new policy initiatives, future policy directions being pursued by governments and private/non-governmental organisations.

Key Dates

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| Sunday 1st July 2018: | Abstract Submission Deadline |
| Sunday 15th July 2018: | Notification of Abstract Acceptance or Rejection |
| Sunday 2nd September 2018: | Abstract Presenters' Congress Registration Deadline |

Practical Information

About the Submission of Abstracts

- Submit your Abstract online via the dedicated portal on www.inhwe.org
- Submissions and presentations must be in English.
- For submissions from multiple authors all Congress communication will be sent to the person listed as a primary contact on the submission system. The primary contact will be expected to share all event information with their co-presenters.
- Any changes to the presenter(s) or any other contact details must be communicated directly to the INHWE staff member listed on the submission system.
- Authors can edit their Abstracts until **Sunday 1st July 2018 at midnight CET**. No further changes will be accepted after this date.
- Authors should state whether they prefer to present their work as an oral presentation or poster. The review panel will do its best to accommodate for author preferences.

About the Registration for the Congress

- Authors accepted for an oral or poster presentation must confirm their participation by registering through paying the Congress fee by **Sunday 2nd September 2018**. We cannot guarantee that presenters who miss this deadline will be included in official Congress publications, including the Programme and Abstract Book.
- All presenters who attend the Congress are expected to register and pay all registration, travel and accommodation costs.

Abstract Types

The International Network for Health Workforce Education invites authors to submit abstracts on any topic related to healthcare education and training. You can submit a “classic” academic abstract (including introduction, methods, discussion and conclusion) by selecting “Classic Abstract” on the submission system.

Alternatively, you can submit a “Short Paper”. This type of submission allows the author(s) more flexibility to deviate from the “Classic” abstract, for example, it may be used by a delegate who wishes to submit a presentation that focuses on policy changes or opinion pieces. Both documents will go through the same review process.

Submission Categories

The International Congress on Health Workforce Education and Research is inviting abstract submissions which engage with one or more topics relating to 'Policy and Practice'. We also welcome abstracts and proposals on other important topics for healthcare education. You can submit a paper under any one of the following categories:

- **Education / Training**
- **Research**
- **Policy**

Submission System

When submitting an abstract online via www.inhwe.org you will be asked to complete and submit a dedicated abstract submission form. The form contains the following information which will be presented to the Review Board:

Presenter Information:	Presenter Details (Title, First Name, Surname, Organisation, Country) Email	
Abstract:	Title of Presentation Abstract Type	
	Short Paper	<i>Short Paper – Large Free Text Field</i>
	Classic Abstract	<i>Abstract - Objectives</i>
		<i>Abstract - Method</i>
		<i>Abstract - Results</i>
		<i>Abstract - Conclusions</i>
Keywords		
Author(s) & Affiliations:	Author(s) (incl. Title, Name, Organisation) / Author Approval	
Further Information:	Category (Education/Training, Research, Policy) Presentation Preference (Oral, Poster, Either) Supporting Documents Alternative Contact	

Registration Fees

The INHWE Network is a **free membership** community that brings together healthcare educators and researchers from all disciplines with an aim to improve the education and training provided to health workforce professionals across the globe. Sign up on www.inhwe.org and take advantage of the discounted fee.

	Early Fee (before 29/07/2018)	Normal Fee (before 02/09/2018)
INHWE Member	€299,00	€399,00
Non INHWE Member	€399,00	€499,00
East Europe Resident*, PhD Student**	€99,00	€149,00

The registration fees include the admission to all sessions, refreshments, working material, charges and taxes.

* The following countries are labelled Eastern European: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

** Upon registration, you must provide proof of full-time student status.

Abstract Selection

All abstracts submitted for both Oral and/or Poster Presentations will be reviewed by INHWE Director, **Mr. David Smith**, along with colleagues from the host organisation, and members of the [INHWE Advisory Board](#).

Contacts

For further inquiries, please contact the INHWE by [clicking here](#).



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