



International Network for
Health Workforce Education

**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HEALTH
WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**
INNOVATING TOGETHER: THE FUTURE OF IPE



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Chair of Session's Guideline

Introduction

The role of the "Chair of Session" at the 6th International Congress of Health Education and Research (7-8 October 2026, Dublin, Ireland) is important to the overall success of the event. The main role is to provide much needed support to the International Network for Health Workforce Education (INHWE) Team in bridging the gap between presenters, delegates and staff onsite.

As you will see below that your duties fall into two categories: general and session duties. The general duties are focussed very much on delegate satisfaction. The Dublin event will be small-to-medium (with around 100-120 delegates in attendance) which gives us an opportunity to ensure that all delegates network with each other and, hopefully, build lasting professional relationships. The pre-session and session duties focus very much on the smooth running of the Congress programme and presenter satisfaction.

Included within this guide you will also find some additional information about the International Network for Health Workforce Education. This info outlines our mission, strategic focus, membership base and upcoming events. Please take a little time to read this document, as one of your optional tasks in Dublin will be to assist both David and Matteo in promoting the Network.

Roles and Duties

General Duties

- Maintain a positive outlook throughout the Congress
- Network and introduce presenters to others
- Relay all potential risks/opportunities for INHWE back to David/Matteo

Pre-Session Duties

- Check room contains the following items:
 1. The projector screen is on and displaying the session preview slide
 2. The presentation files are in the folder
- Meet and greet all presenters

Session Duties

- Briefly introduce yourself, and the title/theme of the session you're chairing;
- Introduce the presenters by name and affiliation, to announce the title of each presentation;
- Keep the schedule according to the congress programme.

Session Management

0 – 5 mins: Introduction

5 – 65 mins: Presentations (All presenters have a fixed time of 10 min for giving their presentation)

65 – 75 mins: Questions and Discussion

75 – 80 mins: Closing Remarks

Useful Tips

- Prior to start the session, please confirm with each presenter that their presentation files are in the folder. If a presenter is missing, or a presentation finishes earlier than scheduled time, please move on to the next presentation.
- During the session, we'd appreciate if the Chair could be prepared to ask a question or two, in case no others come from the audience.
- Sessions are designed in such a way as to possibly exceed the time limit, for example, by making the most of the 20-minute breaks after each session, or the lunch break. A key objective is to ensure that all speakers have sufficient time for their presentations and that there is adequate time for discussion with the audience.

Additional Information

INHWE Mission

“We strive to bridge the gap between health workforce educators, researchers and policy makers as part of our commitment to improving the education and training provided to health professionals internationally.”

The International Network for Health Workforce Education passionately believes that health workforce education needs to realise and benefit from the great potential that lies in our diverse, knowledge-rich, global society. Our role is to tap into the expansive knowledge resources of the global health workforce education community by creating the first truly international, inter-professional, and multi-stakeholder free membership network. Through connecting our talented group of members, we break down the barriers of professional silos, organisational hierarchy, and geographical distance. The result is the creation of global dialogue and knowledge sharing between health workforce educators, researchers and policy makers that is truly unprecedented.

INHWE Strategic Focus

The following topic areas have been selected by the Advisory Board and members:

1. Interprofessional education and training
2. Research in the education and training of health professionals
3. Digitalisation and technology in healthcare and education
4. Skill mix and competency policy making (and its implications for education)
5. Educating in rural and unserved areas
6. Gender Equality in Health Professional Education
7. Leadership & Management
8. One Health approach to sustainably balance the health of living beings and ecosystems

INHWE Membership

The International Network for Health Workforce Education has a truly inter-professional and multi-stakeholder membership base. All members share a common goal of improving health workforce education nationally and internationally. The membership community is comprised of the following groups:

- Educators
- Learners
- Practitioners
- Researchers
- Policy Makers
- Representative Groups

INHWE Events in 2027

Calls for Abstracts are open, and we look forward to receiving submissions for the following:

- Online 2027, January: 5th International Online Conference of Health Workforce Education will take place virtually, online on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th January 2027
- ATBH XII, June: The 12th International Conference on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice – All Together Better Health (ATBH XII) will take place on June 14-18, 2027 in Nicosia, Cyprus