



Public mental health re-imagined: a roadmap towards global equity

Abstract submission – scientific scope

The theme of the 2022 Congress is ***Public mental health re-imagined: a roadmap towards global equity***. We particularly encourage submissions which connect social psychiatry and psychiatric epidemiology to this theme. Abstracts on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health are included within this theme.

We also welcome abstract submissions on any topic or research area pertinent to the fields of psychiatric epidemiology and social psychiatry, including, but not limited to: psychiatric epidemiology, social psychiatry, public mental health, mental health services research, occupational mental health, social security and mental health, social psychology, social neuroscience, cultural psychiatry, ethnography, qualitative research. We are pleased to receive abstracts using any methodology in the fields of epidemiology and social psychiatry, including qualitative and quantitative approaches. We encourage the submission of peer-led or co-produced research from people with lived experience of mental health issues or their carers.

Abstract submission – categories

Abstracts can be submitted to one of four presentation types:

- **Themed symposia:** We welcome themed symposia to be submitted for consideration. They should be:
 - 90 minutes
 - Between 3-5 speakers (min/max) presenting 3-5 abstracts (one per speaker)
 - Include a chair and a discussant (who can be the chair or presenter)
 - Diverse, where possible, in terms of career stage, gender and ethnicity and, if appropriate, lived experience
- **Standard oral presentations:** Oral presentations in this category will be between 15-20 minutes long, including time for audience questions
- **Rapid-fire oral presentations:** Rapid-fire talks (5 mins) for early career researchers* to showcase their research as an alternative to a poster. (*defined as students or postdoctoral researchers within 5 years of being awarded their doctoral degree)
- **Poster presentations:** Standard poster presentations with opportunity to present poster during lunch and coffee breaks throughout the congress.

Abstract submission – guidelines

All abstracts must contain original, new research and be submitted via our [abstract submission portal](#) by the deadlines advertised on our [congress website](#). Please follow the specific guidance below depending on the category of your submission. All character counts below include spaces.

- **Themed symposia:**
 - The chair must create a symposium submission on our submission portal
 - Include a title (255 characters) and summary abstract (2200 characters) of the symposium
 - Once created, the chair can either:
 - Submit all individual speaker abstracts at the same time, or;
 - Ask individual speakers to submit their abstracts as standard oral presentations
 - When submitting individual abstracts as part of a symposium, simply select the correct symposium title from the drop-down list
 - Each symposium must have between 3-5 speakers (one per abstract)
 - The discussant does not need to submit a separate abstract
 - It is the chair’s responsibility to coordinate all speaker submissions; incomplete entries will not be considered
- **Standard oral/rapid-fire oral/poster presentations:**
 - Select the appropriate category for your abstract: standard oral/rapid-fire oral (ECR only)/poster
 - The title of the abstract is limited to 150 characters
 - Abstracts should be a maximum of 3400 characters and include the following named sections: Lay Summary, Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion.
 - The Lay Summary should be no more than a three sentence summary, suitable for lay audiences, stating (1) what you did; (2) what you found, and; (3) why it’s important. Please note that the lay summary counts towards the total character count for the abstract.
 - Up to 20 authors can be listed on the abstract on our submission system. For longer authorship lists, please consider using group authorship or contact us.
 - We will request any disclosures (conflicts of interest) from corresponding/presenting authors after the outcome of the abstract review process (~July 2022)
 - Abstracts submitted as part of a “themed symposium” should select “standard oral presentation” on the system. You can then select the correct “themed symposium” your talk is part of on the abstract submission system. If you cannot see the correct symposium, please ask your chair to create the themed symposium before submitting your abstract.

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Scientific assessment

All abstract submissions will be evaluated by our Scientific Advisory Board, including members by lived experience, against a set of criteria for novelty, research quality, potential scientific impact, interest, quality of the lay summary, and appropriateness to the Congress theme(s).

Individual abstracts from unsuccessful symposia will be automatically considered for an oral or poster presentation.

The decision of the Scientific Advisory Board will be final. We reserve the right to reject abstracts which lack sufficient scientific quality, raise ethical concerns or may otherwise be offensive or inappropriate to our delegates.

Prizes

We will award prizes to the best rapid-fire oral presentation (ECR only) and best poster presentation at the Congress. The awards will be judged by a panel of the Scientific Advisory Board on quality of presentation, scientific rigour and importance to our field. The judges' decisions will be final. Presentations will be made in the final session of the congress. Winners will be asked to give a 5 minute presentation of their paper in the main auditorium on the final morning.

Accepted abstracts

All accepted abstracts will appear in the final congress programme, made available to delegates electronically at the congress and online.

All submitters will be asked to give consent during abstract submission to having their abstract, and contact details of the presenting author, published.

Deadline

All abstracts must be received no later than:

5pm (British Summer Time)

Extended final deadline: 31 May 2022

We will announce the decision of the Scientific Advisory Board no later than **30 June 2022**.

Queries

For any queries please contact the organising secretariat on epa2022@psychepi.org

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