



EPAPsyEpi – 2024 Guidelines submission

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Scientific scope

We welcome symposium proposals and abstracts 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.

Rules for submission

- All submissions must be presented in clear English with accurate grammar and spelling of a quality suitable for publication. Please ensure that your abstract does not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced as submitted. Your submission will NOT be reviewed for typos or other errors. It is not possible to modify abstracts after the submission deadline.
- The work described in the abstract needs to have an appropriate approval under local, ethical and animal experimentation rules. Submissions may not contain patient names, hospital ID numbers or other identifying information.
- The inclusion of trade names/brand names is not allowed in the abstract. Please use generic names of drugs. The mentioning of agents/molecules must follow the scientific standard for publications. The presentation must be balanced and contain no commercial promotional content.
- Submission of the abstract constitutes the consent of all authors to publication (e.g. on conference website, social media, programs, other promotions, etc...).
- All communications will be sent to the email address used to submit the abstract. Your abstract is not successfully submitted until you receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please check your spam mailbox or contact us at support_team@lausanne-tourisme.ch.
- All speakers and poster presenters who have an abstract accepted will be required to cover the cost of their conference attendance, including registration fees.
- **It is required that at least one person per accepted abstract (i.e. the presenting author) registers for the conference. We require registration of the presenting author by the 30 June 2024 in order to have the contribution included in the final program and listed in the online abstract book.**

Symposium Proposals

Symposia focus on specific topics in psychiatric epidemiology and social psychiatry. Each symposium includes 4 to 6 presentations by international speakers and offers an opportunity for discussion at the end.

Requirements for proposals

- A brief description of the session (max. 250 words) for evaluation purposes only (this is not considered as an abstract).
- 4 to 6 abstracts (one per speaker).
- 1 chair, 1 co-chair and 4-6 speakers per session (the chair and co-chair may be chosen from the speakers).
- To ensure a better country balance within the program, speakers should come from at least two countries.

- The symposium should value gender balance as much as possible.
- Prior to submission, the chair or the submitter should ask for the preliminary availability of every speaker in their session.
- Symposium sessions are 90 minutes in length.
- Only the submitter will receive notification of the final decision of the Scientific Advisory Board and is responsible for communicating the result to all other chairs and speakers.

Submission

The submitter must create a symposium submission by filling in the **symposium form** and submit it **by email** by the deadlines advertised on our [congress website](#).

Please attach your symposium proposal as **ONE SINGLE word document** called:

"EPAPsyEpi24_SymposiumProposal_YourLastName" and submit it to:

support_team@lausanne-tourisme.ch with the header

"EPAPsyEpi24_SymposiumProposal_YourLastName".

It is the submitter's responsibility to coordinate all speaker submissions; incomplete entries will not be considered. The symposium form should contain a symposium summary and 4 to 6 individual speaker abstracts. Please follow the [rules of submission](#) and specific guidance below. All character counts below include spaces.

- **Symposium summary**
 - The title of the symposium is limited to 150 characters. Please ensure that your title is inputted in [title case](#). Do not enter the title in all capital or all lowercase letters.
 - The name and email address of the chair and co-chair must be informed.
 - Summary abstract should be a maximum of 250 words.
 - Up to 6 keywords, separated by ";" should be submitted.
 - The names and email addresses of all speakers (at least 1 speaker per individual presentation) and the titles of all the individual presentations must be informed.
- **Individual speaker abstracts**
 - The title of the abstract is limited to 150 characters. Please ensure that your title is inputted in [title case](#). Do not enter the title in all capital or all lowercase letters.
 - Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words and include the following named sections: [Aims](#), [Methods](#), [Results](#), [Conclusion](#).
 - Up to 6 authors can be listed on the abstract. For longer authorship lists, please consider using group authorship.
 - Please provide complete and accurate information on all contributing authors. This includes the full name and complete (up to 6) affiliations of every (co-)author.
 - The person making the submission is wholly responsible for the accuracy of the information. The information will be published (online program) as submitted. Please use your university address, not your personal one.

Abstracts submission for standard oral communications and posters

All abstracts must contain original, new research and be submitted via our **abstract submission portal**.

Categories

Abstracts can be submitted to one of two presentation types:

- **Standard oral presentations:** Oral presentations in this category will be between 15-20 minutes long, including time for audience questions.
- **Poster presentations:** Two specific poster sessions with additional opportunity to present poster during lunch and coffee breaks throughout the congress.

Submission

All abstracts must be submitted via our **abstract submission portal** by the deadlines advertised on our [congress website](#). Please follow the [rules of submission](#) and specific guidance below. All character counts below include spaces.

- Select the appropriate category for your abstract: standard oral/poster.
- The title of the abstract is limited to 150 characters. Please ensure that your title is inputted in [title case](#). Do not enter the title in all capital or all lowercase letters.
- Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words and include the following named sections: [Aims](#), [Methods](#), [Results](#), [Conclusion](#).
- Up to 6 keywords should be submitted.
- Up to 6 authors can be listed on the abstract on our submission system. For longer authorship lists, please consider using group authorship or contact us (support_team@lausanne-tourisme.ch).
- Please provide complete and accurate information on all contributing authors. This includes the full name and complete (up to 6) affiliations of every (co-)author.
- The first author will be listed in the published program as the speaker.
- The person making the submission is wholly responsible for the accuracy of the information. The information will be published (online program) as submitted. Please use your university address, not your personal one.

Submission system information

Abstracts can be saved in "Draft" status to be re-edited and finalised until the submission deadline (April **30**, 2024). Therefore, the submitter will be required to create a user account.

ECR Prizes

We will run 2 competitions for [ECR*](#), including our prestigious ECR Keynote Prize, as well as prizes awarded for the best poster presentations. 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. Winners of the ECR Keynote prizes and the poster prizes will present a 15-minute ECR keynote and a 5-minute presentation, respectively, in our main auditorium. The Winners of the ECR Keynote prizes will also receive a complementary ticket to our 21st [gala dinner](#) in Olympic Museum.

*We define ECRs as students or postdoctoral researchers within 5 years of the award of their doctoral degree. Proof of status will be requested during the submission process.

Scientific assessment

All symposium proposals and abstract submissions will be evaluated by our Scientific Advisory Board against a set of criteria for novelty, research quality, potential scientific impact, interest, and the pertinence to the fields of psychiatric epidemiology and social psychiatry.

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.

Acceptance and publication

All accepted abstracts will appear in the final congress program, made available to delegates electronically at the congress and online. Submission of the abstract constitutes the consent of all authors to publication (e.g. on conference website, social media, programs, other promotions, etc...).

Deadline

**All symposium proposals and abstracts must
be received no later than:
30.04.2024 23h59 (CEST)**

We will announce the decision of the Scientific Advisory Board no later than 15 June 2024.

Queries

For any technical queries please contact support_team@lausanne-tourisme.ch.

For any scientific queries please contact epalausanne2024@chuv.ch.

Scientific Advisory Board

Our [Scientific Committee](#) includes experts from across the breadth of psychiatric epidemiology, social psychiatry and public mental health, and includes diversity by geographical location, gender, lived experience and age. The members of our Scientific Committee are:

Last name	First name	Country	Last name	First name	Country
Bonsack	Charles	CH	Preisig	Martin	CH
Butterworth	Peter	AU	Riedel-Heller	Steffi	DE
Colman	Ian	CA	Skoog	Ingmar	SE
Galloway	Rory	UK	Sonesone	Emma	UK
Kirkbride	James	UK	Stevelink	Sharon	UK
Lieb	Roselind	CH	Stewart	Robert	UK
Merikangas	Kathleen	USA	Van Haren	Neeltje	NL
Mykletun	Arnstein	NO	Von Plessen	Kerstin	CH