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## INTERNATIONAL SECTION CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The International Health Section welcomes abstracts for the 2022 APHA Annual Meeting. We accept submissions on both research- and program-based work; however, all submissions should present a novel contribution to some aspect of global health policy, practice, or knowledge. We will only accept abstracts within the topic areas listed. As part of the International Health Section program, all submissions should relate to health issues in countries outside the US.

APHA is the premier forum for scientific presentation and discussion of global public health issues. The International Health Section maintains high standards for quality and content. Please read the specific instructions in the abstract submission portal and follow the format and process carefully. Abstracts that do not follow the exact format of the submission process will lose scoring points.

If accepted for presentation, the presenter will be expected to register and attend the conference. The International Health Section is NOT able to provide financial aid or assistance for travel or registration. Individuals who may have difficulty attending the APHA Annual Meeting should identify a co-author that will be able to register/attend and present the abstract. Once an abstract is confirmed, schedule changes are NOT permitted.

### PREPARING YOUR ABSTRACT

Preparing an abstract is a fun exercise. The content, organization, and quality of writing of the abstract all affect its chances of acceptance. The abstract should be structured as below. Here are issues to consider when preparing each component (Adapted from University of California, Berkeley, 2000):

**Context:** Why is the problem important? What public health needs is your work addressing? In what way does the work present something new to the field of global/international health?

**Methods:** What did you actually do to get your results (e.g., conducted a survey of three villages, analyzed household survey data from five countries, held semi-structured interviews with 17 community health workers)? Be specific.

**Results:** What did you learn? Was there enhanced knowledge, increased participation, or measurable changes in health outcomes?

**Conclusion and discussion:** What are the larger implications of your findings, especially for the need initially identified?

**Abstract word limit:** 350 words

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND REVIEW**

All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed for consideration of inclusion in the program. Indicate your preferences for presentation format on your abstract form. You may submit your abstract with the designation “oral only,” “poster only,” or “no preference.”

**Note:** The International Health Section encourages abstracts submitted by nationals and residents from low- and middle-income countries. These individuals should note their status on the abstract form.

**Student presenters:** Each year, we designate one or two of the Section’s oral panels for presentations by students. Please submit your abstract under this category if you wish to compete in the peer review process for these openings. Should more abstracts qualify for acceptance than we have space available, we will consider placing those submissions elsewhere in the peer-reviewed program.

The full list of IH program topics is provided below. Any of the topics below can be either Oral session or Poster session or both depending on the submissions received related to the topic and the suitability of abstracts for oral vs poster presentation.

## **INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SECTION TOPICS**

For this year, you can submit your abstract(s) to one, or more, of 22 topics. If your abstract meets the criteria for an International Health abstract (i.e. abstract addresses a health issues in countries outside the US) but is not a good fit for one of the topics, please get in touch with one of the Program Planning Committee (see below) so they can advise you where to submit your abstract.

### **Alcohol and Substance Use**

Submissions here may address a range of alcohol- and substance-related topics, including harms to individuals and communities, policy, prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, education, and social/environmental impact.

### **Climate Change**

Submissions here may address a range of issues related to climate change, e.g. epidemiology of related disease burden, policies to make health systems more resilient to climate change, and health sector interventions that contribute to global action on climate change.

### **COVID-19 related topics**

Submissions here may cover knowledge, attitudes and beliefs, prevention, detection, treatment and management.

### **Community Based Primary Health Care**

Community-based primary health care is an empowering approach to improving health care that engages communities as full partners and extends health services beyond health facilities to communities and households.

### **Determinants of health**

Submissions here may cover a range of determinants of health such as effects of globalization, social

determinants, commercial/economic determinants and trade, political determinants, environmental determinants, and cultural determinants.

#### **Decolonizing Global Health and Effects of Global Capitalism**

Submissions here may address a range of issues such as understanding and characterizing the problem, developing policies, and implementing innovative programs and interventions.

#### **Established, Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Submissions here may cover established infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malaria, hepatitis, as well as non-COVID infectious diseases such as Ebola, SARS, Zika...

#### **Disparities and Inequities in Global Health**

Submissions here may cover a range of factors that play an important role in disparities and inequities such as gender, wealth, power, and geography.

#### **Global Health Actors, Agenda, and Practice**

Submissions here may cover a range of issues such as the role of various players in global health, who is setting the agenda, the global health workforce, the evolving agenda of global health, including the issue of global health security, and the practice of global health.

#### **Health Across the Lifespan**

Submissions here may cover issues related to different population groups such as children, adolescents, adult women and men, and older adults.

#### **Health in Conflict and Displacement**

Submissions here may cover health issues related to war, armed conflict and related forced displacement (including refugees and internally displaced people).

IMPORTANT: We will only accept submissions on displaced populations outside the US. For submissions on refugees and migrants inside the US, please refer to the Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health Call for Abstracts.

#### **Health Systems Strengthening and Service Delivery in International Settings**

Health systems strengthening (HSS) comprises the strategies, responses, and activities that are designed to sustainably improve country health system performance. Per the WHO, HSS building blocks include health service delivery, health information systems, medical products/vaccines/technology, health financing, and leadership and governance.

#### **Injuries**

Submissions here cover a range of intentional injuries (e.g. self-inflicted injuries, injuries related to interpersonal violence and war-related injuries) and un-intentional injuries (e.g. road traffic injuries, poisoning, falls, fires, drowning...).

#### **Innovations and solutions in Global and International Health**

Submissions here may cover global solutions addressing important cross-country health challenges or local innovations tackling local health challenges that are under-addressed in global health work. This category includes integrative, complementary, and traditional health practices and inter-professional collaboration in such practices and novel approaches to demonstrating their effectiveness. This category also includes digital health solution, mHealth.

**International Epidemiology**

Submissions here may cover distribution of health, disease and ill-health within and across countries.

**Maternal Health**

Submissions here may cover a range of topics such as prenatal, obstetric, and postpartum care.

**Mental Health**

Submissions here may cover the full spectrum of issues related to mental health from epidemiology to policy and programs, e.g. interventions addressing the global mental health treatment gap.

**Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)**

Submissions under this category may cover a range of topics, other than mental health (see separate category). These may include highly emphasized NCDs, such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and chronic lung, and related risk factors such as tobacco; other NCDs such as oral conditions; and neglected NCDs affecting the poor and the marginalized such as blindness, rheumatic fever and its consequences, and lack of or poor access to treatments.

**Right to health, human rights, and ethics**

Submissions here may cover a range of issues related to the right to health in global perspective, the practice of human rights within global health, ethics of global health work.

**Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning**

Submissions here may cover a range of topics related to sexual and reproductive health related to either women or men, as well as various issues related to family planning.

**Violence Against Women and Girls**

This topic is organized by the Women's Caucus and endorsed by International Health Section.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT**

APHA values the ability to provide continuing education credit to physicians, nurses, health educators, and those certified in public health at its annual meeting.

Complete all required information when submitting an abstract so members can claim credit for attending your session. These credits are necessary for members to keep their licenses and credentials. For a session to be eligible for Continuing Education Credit, each presenter, panelist, discussant, and/or faculty must provide:

1. An abstract free of trade and/or commercial product names.
2. At least one MEASURABLE SINGLE objective ("to understand" or "to learn" are not measurable objectives and compound objectives are not acceptable). Use ONLY the following Measurable Action Verbs: Explain, Demonstrate, Analyze, Formulate, Discuss, Compare, Differentiate, Describe, Name, Assess, Evaluate, Identify, Design, Define or List.
3. You MUST complete a signed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form with a relevant qualification statement.

**Example of Acceptable Biographical Qualification Statement:**

*I have been the principal or co-principal of multiple federally funded grants focusing on the epidemiology of drug abuse, HIV prevention and co-occurring mental and drug use disorders. Among my scientific interests has been the development of strategies for preventing HIV and STDs in out-of-treatment drug users.*

**Example of UNACCEPTABLE Qualification Statement:**

*Please note that stating “I am a Principal Investigator/Project Coordinator of this project.” Is NOT sufficient.* This only gives the submitter’s job title or position. Please add more information about your experience and background.

All continuing education learning content must be of sound science or professional practice and serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills and professional competence of the health professional. Learning content should be evidence-based if available. A list of over 30 areas will be provided online for you to choose from. You will be asked to choose at least one or up to 6 areas that your presentation will address.

Thank you for your assistance in making your session credit worthy. Contact Mighty Fine at [mighty.fine@apha.org](mailto:mighty.fine@apha.org) if you have any questions concerning continuing education.

**QUESTIONS?**

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