Call for Submissions

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SimHealth 2014 is proudly held under the auspices of Simulation Australia Ltd
SimHealth 2014 “Mind the Gap”
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The SimHealth Organising Committee is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions for the 10th Annual SimHealth Conference, held under the auspices of Simulation Australia’s Health Division, the Australian Society for Simulation in Healthcare (ASSH). Simulation Australia, the national body for those working in simulation across Australasia, brings together SimHealth 2014 and SimTecT 2014 for the second year, with opportunities for a number of joint sessions of mutual interest.

The SimHealth 2014 conference will explore the theme “Mind the Gap”. We invite you to reflect on how your simulation-based initiatives have addressed a gap in the healthcare curriculum; assisted learners to bridge the gap between theory and practice; closed the gap between professional silos; or tackled the gap between best patient care and avoidable patient harm.

This year we have extended the submission categories. As well as oral presentations, poster presentations and workshops, we are also calling for “works in progress” and “roundtables”.

Join us in August 2014 to share, inform, experience and explore simulation in research, education and technology innovation in health and other industries.

Call for Submissions

We invite authors to submit abstracts online via the speaker portal available on the SimHealth website for inclusion in the program. Guidelines for abstract submission are available on the speaker portal, and all abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

Abstracts are invited for:

- Oral Presentations and Posters Presentations in the themes of Research, Educational innovation or Technology innovation. All abstracts must describe completed research projects, reporting results and conclusions (oral presentations – 20 minutes including 5 minutes for Q&A; posters – 10 minutes including 5 minutes discussion)
- Works in progress — opportunity to present new initiatives, research or program evaluation proposals for feedback and discussion. This session will be facilitated by an experienced researcher (10 minute presentation with 20 minute facilitated discussion)
- Roundtables – (60 or 90 minutes) interactive sessions focusing on new/emerging topics, provocative debates, and controversial issues
- In-Conference Workshops (90 minutes) – interactive sessions to develop new knowledge and skills

Key Dates

Abstract online submission closes – 10 March 2014
Authors notified of acceptance or non-acceptance – 18 April 2014

Awards

All abstracts presented at SimHealth 2014 will be eligible for the SimHealth 2014 Awards. The objective of the Awards is to reward excellence in the areas listed in the conference sub-topics. Oral presentations will be judged on the basis of the final written abstract. Posters will be judged on the quality of the poster.

A monetary prize of $500 and subsidised 50% registration at SimHealth 2015 will be awarded for:
- Best research abstract
- Best educational innovation
- Best technology innovation
- Best poster

Authors are also invited to extend their abstract into a full refereed paper for an opportunity to be awarded the 2014 Simulation Australia Body of Knowledge or Best Paper, which receives funds towards conference attendance locally or overseas. Please visit www.simtect.com.au to lodge your full paper by 14 March 2014 (your abstract will remain entered within the SimHealth program). If you have any questions please email admin@simulationaustralia.org.au

Review Process

Abstracts will undergo blinded peer review and acceptance will be based on merit judged against agreed criteria. Final presentation format (oral presentation, poster presentation) will be determined by the Scientific Committee.

Works in progress, roundtables and workshops will undergo an open peer review process.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the organising committee who reserves the right to reject any abstract it considers does not meet the conference criteria.

Authors will be advised of acceptance or non-acceptance of submissions via email by 18 April 2014.

Eligibility

Submissions which have been previously presented at one other national and/or international meeting other than SimHealth may be accepted. If a submission has been presented previously, authors must disclose this.

Material previously published as an article in a peer-reviewed journal may not be submitted as an oral presentation or poster.

The lodgement of an abstract does NOT indicate automatic inclusion in the conference program.

Submission Process

All submissions must be through the appropriate template provided on the speaker portal for all submissions, choosing the template appropriate to the submission type. All submissions must be in Microsoft word format.

For research, education and technology abstracts, authors may select preferred presentation format, i.e. oral or poster.

Authors acknowledge that they may be required to present on any day of the conference.
Conflict of Interest

All submissions must include a Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (COI) statement: all authors must indicate that they do, or do not, have a financial interest/arrangement or direct affiliation with a corporate entity that has a direct interest in the subject matter of the abstract. Example of Disclosure: Jane Williams, PhD, has disclosed no relevant financial relationships.

Blinding

To facilitate blinding of research and innovation abstracts for peer review, do not include author information on the page with the abstract. This information is entered in a separate field during the submission process.

Submissions Categories

Research Abstracts

Submissions may include qualitative, quantitative and mixed-methods simulation-based research. They may be up to 600 words, may include one table or figure, and address the following:

• The research question or hypothesis should be clearly stated
• Methods to collect and analyse the data must be clearly described
• Results must be reported
• Conclusion(s) must be supported by the data presented

Format:
• Title (up to 20 words)
• Aims
• Background
• Methods
• Result
• Conclusions
• References (excluded from word count)
• One table or figure

Educational Innovation Abstracts

Educational Innovation abstracts should describe the development of programs and curricula that address important needs. They may be up to 600 words, may include one table or figure, and should address the following:

• Descriptions of novel simulation-based programs and/or curricula
• Abstracts should emphasise information that could be used by practitioners
• Should include data such as user or trainee evaluations/opinion surveys

Format:
• Title (up to 20 words)
• The educational problem that was being addressed
• What was done
• What the evaluation showed
• Lessons learnt and recommendations for use
• References (excluded from word count)

Technology Innovation Abstracts

Technology Innovation abstracts should describe the development of new technologies or applications of technologies in different ways. They may be up to 600 words, may include one table or figure, and address the following:

• The rationale for and description of the new technology
• Advantages over existing technology
• Application of the new technology and how it could be used by practitioners
• Potential future developments of the technology
• Should include data such as user or trainee evaluations/opinion surveys

Format:
• Title (up to 20 words)
• Background (the rationale for the technological innovation i.e. what problem was it designed to address)
• Materials and methods (a description of the innovation and how it was used)
• Evaluation of the innovation
• Lessons learnt and recommendations for use
• References (excluded from word count)

Presentation Formats for Research, Educational Innovation and Technology Innovation

Authors acknowledge that they may be required to present on any day of the conference. Selected abstracts will be invited as oral presentations or poster presentation moderated sessions.

1. Poster Presentations

Posters will be allocated to a chaired session during the conference. Authors will be given 5 minutes to present their poster, and 5 minutes for discussion. Presenters may include up to four PowerPoint slides or a practical demonstration during their 5 minute presentation. Authors must attend their posters during the allocated time.

Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference. They should be no more than 84cm (wide) x 119cm (high) in dimension (portrait not landscape). The poster should include author and co-authors' names, a short title and the name of the institution where the work was carried out. Works in progress will be considered for poster presentation.

2. Oral Presentations

The number of oral presentations is limited. 15 minutes will be allocated for oral presentations with 5 minutes for questions. A Conflict/ Disclosure of Interest statement must be included.
Works in Progress (30 minutes)
Works in progress should be new initiatives, research or program evaluation proposals presented for feedback and discussion. A limited number of spaces will be offered in this category. The purpose of these presentations is to generate discussion in order to refine or further develop the research question, methodology, analysis or interpretation of results. The session will be moderated by an established researcher. The author will have 10 minutes to present the project and 20 minutes for discussion.
Abstracts may be up to 600 words and may include one table or figure. These should address the following:
• A clear statement of the research question or educational problem
• Methodology or proposed methodology
• Results (if any available) and proposed analysis
• A clear statement of the problem, issues or questions which the author would like to address with the audience

Format for Abstract:
• Title
• Research Question
• Methodology (proposed)
• Analysis (proposed)
• Results (if any)
• Questions for the audience
• References

Roundtables (90 minutes)
Interactive sessions focussing on new/emerging topics or controversial issues using techniques including provocative debates or expert panels. At least 30% of the scheduled time should be allocated for interactive discussion.

Debate: A Debate focuses on a key issue in simulation today. A moderator and at least two faculty members will debate the topic chosen. One of the faculty members will take the “pro” side of the issue, and the other faculty member will defend the “con” aspect.

Expert Panel: An Expert Panel focuses on a key issue in simulation today. A moderator and panel members will discuss and share perspectives on the topic chosen. Audience participation is encouraged.

Format:
• Title of Roundtable or Debate
• Presenters: name, title, institution and brief outline of their experience relevant to this roundtable (100 word limit)
• Overview (75 word limit)
This short description should highlight the main topics to be covered and include rationale for why the proposed roundtable is important to the attendee
• Expected outcomes
State three outcomes that you expect to be achieved in the session
• Detailed Description of the proposed session (500 word limit)
Include a very detailed description of all components of the workshop and activities in which the participants will engage, including the beginning, and conclusion of the workshop
• Evaluation
• Timeline for each component of the session

In-Conference Workshops (90 minutes)
Interactive session where participants engage in hands-on learning to develop new knowledge and skills. Workshop proposals must address the following:
• Clearly stated learning outcomes
• Description of strategies and activities to engage participants in achieving the desired outcomes
• Plan for determining if the desired outcomes were achieved

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Registration
All presenting authors must register and pay for their attendance at the conference.
For more information on the Call for Submissions process, please visit the website or contact:

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