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CONFERENCE2021

SUPPORTING
A *WORKFORCE* UNDER *PRESSURE*
THE REGULATOR'S ROLE
12 - 14 OCTOBER 2021

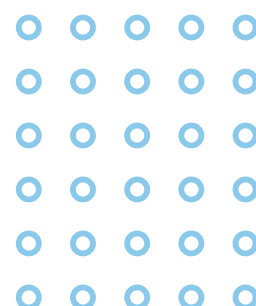## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

» *The deadline for abstracts submission is Wednesday, 30 June 2021*

» *https://abstracts.conftools.co.za/abstract/130/signup/*

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

From 12 - 14 October 2021, the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) will be hosting a virtual conference with the theme *Supporting a workforce under pressure – the regulator's role.*

Since we last met in 2018, regulatory authorities around the world have faced many unexpected and difficult challenges. It is vital that we share our experiences, concerns, ideas and hopes for the future. You are warmly invited to submit an abstract related to the conference theme and subthemes.

How the virtual conference will work
We want the conference to be as accessible and flexible as possible. Member and non-member organisations will pay a single registration fee according to their country's World Bank category. This fee will entitle all their staff and associates to attend as little or as much of the conference as they wish.

As IAMRA has members all around the world, the conference start time will be different on each day, so that the majority of attendees will have at least one day when it will be convenient for them to attend the conference 'live'.

The conference content will be different on each day. All attendees will have the option to attend 'live' on every day of the conference if they wish, but in addition, they will be able to watch recordings of the entire conference program at their leisure.

Below are the start times for each day of the conference, showing some sample locations where 'live' attendance will be most convenient. You can check the start time on each day in your own location using the links provided. Each day will be of approximately 4 hours' duration.

DAY 1: October 12 (North/South America)			DAY 2: October 13 (Africa, Europe, West/ Southwest Asia)		DAY 3: October 14 (Australasia Pacific, Central/ East/Southeast Asia)	
US & Canada	(CT)	1300	US (CT)	0500	US (CT)	2200 (- 1 day)
	(PT)	1100				
	(MT)	1200	UK/Ireland	1100	India	0630
	(ET)	1400	Ghana	1000	Bhutan	0700
	(AT)	1500	South Africa	1200	Indonesia	0800
			Kenya/Qatar	1300	Hong Kong	0900
			UAE/Oman	1400	South Korea	1000
Brazil		1500	Pakistan	1500	Eastern Aus	1200
					New Zealand	1400

1. THEME AND SUB THEME SUBMISSIONS

Within the conference theme **"Supporting a workforce under pressure – the regulator's role"**, you are invited to submit abstracts linked to the following three sub-themes. You are not limited to the example topics.

PHYSICIAN WELLNESS

» leadership and culture
» professionalism under pressure
» health and wellness post-pandemic
» safe work environments, e.g. the impact of PPE on practice
» managing unwell practitioners

DISRUPTION IN REGULATION

» COVID-19 pandemic: preparedness, responses, lessons
» climate change impacts
» conspiracy theories and misinformation
» civil action and unrest
» workforce disruption

REDESIGNING REGULATION

» new technologies and regulation, e.g. AI, telehealth
» workforce globalisation, e.g. doctors practising across borders
» team-based care
» new therapies and regulation
» humanising regulation

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2. SUBMISSION PROCESS

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STEP 1:

REGISTER FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
- » Click on the abstract registration link: **https://abstracts.conftools.co.za/abstract/130/signup/**
- » Complete the abstract registration form and submit
- » Confirm abstract registration by following the link in the confirmation email sent

STEP 2:

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT
- » Log-in on the abstract submission system
- » Click on the 'Add abstract' button
- » Enter all required fields and submit
- » Click on the 'Add author' link above the author table in order to add more authors
- » Once you are happy with your abstract, click the 'Submit for review' button in order to make it available to reviewers

STEP 3:

EDIT ABSTRACT
- » Log-in on the abstract submission system
- » Open your abstract by clicking on the title
- » Click on the 'Edit' button in order to edit the abstract body and other selections
- » Click on the 'Delete' button in order to delete your abstract
- » Click on the 'Add author' link above the author table in order to add more authors
- » Click on the 'edit' icon next to an author in order to edit an author
- » Click on the 'delete' icon next to an author in order to delete an author

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3. GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Before you submit your abstract, please note that all presentations will be pre-recorded, but presenters will be invited to participate in a 15 minute, live question and answer session following their block of presentations. Depending on where a presentation is allocated in the conference program, the Q&A session may be scheduled at a somewhat unsociable time of day in the presenter's own time zone.

» All submissions must be completed electronically via the online abstract submission platform.
» Abstracts may be submitted for
   • oral presentation - 30 minutes (pre-recorded + 15 minutes live discussion)
» There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual. However, splitting a body of work into multiple abstracts is discouraged and consolidation into one abstract is preferred.
» All submissions must include -
   • name of the presenting author/s
   • author affiliation(s) such as department, organization (It is the author's responsibility to ensure that the title, author and affiliation details entered in the abstract submission site are correct and exactly as they should be published in all conference materials.)
   • a short author biography
» The abstract must contain –
   • title
   • sub-theme
   • sufficient information to provide an overview of the whole presentation
   • methods: briefly describing project/study design and results
   • information about when and where the content has already been published and/or presented
» Authors are requested to be sensitive to, and show respect for, ethnic, cultural, religious, and gender diversity.
» Submission of an abstract acknowledges the author's consent to publication of the abstract in the conference programme.
» The presenting author must register for the conference to ensure their abstract is included in the final programme.

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4. ABSTRACT FORMAT

» Abstracts must be submitted in English.
» The abstract title must not exceed 150characters.
» The abstract body must not exceed 300 words.
» Font type must be Arial 11pt.
» Use single line spacing.
» Tables or graphics may be included in the abstract body. All formatting is preserved (italics, bold, superscripting, subscripting, underlining) and symbol characters (i.e., ±, μ, ß) may be used.
» Standard abbreviations may be used for common terms. Otherwise, abbreviations should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word/s. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the full name/term is contained in the body of the abstract.
» Website references should be included as footnotes to the abstract.

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5. ABSTRACT ASSESSMENT

When reviewing abstracts, IAMRA will consider –

» Is the abstract relevant to the conference theme?

» Will the presentation be of interest to a broad range of attendees?

» Will the presentation provide new knowledge or a fresh perspective?

6. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

» Acceptance notifications will be sent to the submitting author via e-mail by **XXX 2021** and will include information about the pre-recoding arrangements.

» The scheduled date and time of pre-recorded presentation and the live question and answer session in the conference program will be advised at a later date.

» Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program.

7. CONFERENCE CRITICAL DATES

»	**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**	**19 May 2021**
»	**ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS CLOSE**	**30 June 2021**
»	**AUTHORS ADVISED**	**21 July 2021**
»	**AUTHORS ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE**	**01 August 2021**

Don't miss this opportunity to share your experience, concerns, ideas & hopes for the future of professional regulation.

Be involved!
Submit an abstract for IAMRA's virtual conference!

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