



EHMA 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"HEALTH FUTURES"

Call for Abstracts

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The European Health Management Association is delighted to invite you to the EHMA 2017 Annual Conference to be held at Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, from 13 to 15 June 2017. We are now seeking proposals for oral presentations and posters from researchers, managers and policymakers on the theme “Health Futures”.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ALL OF THE CALL FOR ABSTRACT DOCUMENT BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR PAPER(S)

Key Dates

16 January 2017 at midnight CET: Abstract Submission Deadline

17 March 2017: Notification of Abstract Acceptance or Rejection

17 April 2017: Abstract Presenters’ Conference Registration Deadline

Important Information

About the submission system

- All submissions must be made online, via the online system available on the Conference page at www.ehma.org. Abstracts submitted in any other way will not be accepted.
- All documents must be submitted and presented in English (**UK English spelling**). It is the author’s responsibility to submit a correct Abstract (grammatically and scientifically).
- All communication will be directed to the main contact indicated in the submission system. It is responsibility of the main contact to share information with other presenters. Any changes in the presenter(s) or contact details **MUST** be communicated as soon as possible to EHMA by email to daniela.wimmer@ehma.org.
- Authors can edit their Abstracts until **16 January 2017 at midnight CET**. No further changes will be accepted after that date.
- Abstracts may be submitted for oral presentation, poster presentation or for either. Authors may indicate a preference, but the final decisions will be made by the EHMA’s SAC. The final decision will be specified in the confirmation emails.
- A complete guide to the information required to complete your submission can be found on page 5. We kindly ask you to read it carefully before submitting your Abstracts and/or Short Papers.

About the registration for the Conference

- Authors accepted for an oral or poster presentation **MUST** confirm their participation through **the PAYMENT** of the Conference fees by **17 April 2017**. EHMA DOES NOT guarantee to presenters who make payments after **17 April 2017** that their abstract and/or short paper will be included in the Conference publications including the Conference Programme and Abstract book.
- All presenters who attend the EHMA Conference are expected to register and pay all registration, travel and accommodation costs. Presenters **MUST** register via the online Registration System following the instructions for abstracts (oral/poster) presenters.

About submitting Abstracts and/or Short Papers

- EHMA invites authors to submit Abstracts and/or Short Papers on the overall Conference Theme. With the aim of being innovative and improving the conference experience both for delegates and presenters, candidates are asked to process their submissions according to one of the Submission Categories listed on page 3 and NOT the standard division Research/Practice.
- Candidates are allowed to submit both "Abstracts" and "Short papers" for all of these categories. The Short Paper format is intended for the presentation of Abstracts that do not reflect the classic "Context, Method, Results, Discussion" structure. Candidates can submit Short Papers in the same way as Abstracts. Both documents will receive the same review and they are not considered as dissimilar in any way.

Conference Theme: "Health Futures"

The focus for this year's Annual Conference is health futures. The conference will consider this topic from two perspectives. The first theme will be to identify external trends in demography, technology, economy and culture mean for the demands on and organisation of our Healthcare systems in the (near) future. The second related theme is to assess how such changes are impacting on the current reform agenda and in particular whether they are making service improvement more or less challenging to achieve.

Conference Sub Themes

EHMA invites authors to select a Sub Theme within the overall Conference Theme. In the submission system, please indicate which of the following sub themes reflects the essence of your Abstracts and/or Short Papers:

- Special Interest Group (SIG) Primary Care
- Special Interest Group (SIG) Health Workforce in Management
- Special Interest Group (SIG) Best Practice in Management
- Integrated Care
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Operations Management
- Mental Health
- Health Governance and Public and Patient Involvement
- Pharmaceuticals and Medical Health Technology
- eHealth
- Purchasing and Procurement
- Regulation and Risk Management
- Medical Tourism
- Professionalism and Change in the Skill Mix
- Partnership between Health Systems and Industry
- Data Analytics and Population Health
- Performance and Outcomes Management
- Other (please specify your own thematic area)

Submission Categories

Case histories and practice-driven remarks

Abstracts and/or Short Papers will primarily come from practitioners themselves or research that have worked directly in practice environment. These could be studies that offer interesting results for both theoretical or practice settings.

New evidences from research

Abstracts and/or Short Papers should be based on new emerging evidence from academic and practical research. These will have been identified as evidence gaps or change in evidence and rigorously researched that offers new ideas to a certain topic or field.

Perspectives: hot issues and provocative essays

Abstracts and/or Short Papers should be based on new and exciting issues that are provocative or imminent in nature. These perspective papers may not include rigorous data analysis, for example they could be based on small amounts of pilot data collected, anecdotal evidence that shows interesting areas of future research or comment pieces based on a researcher previous experiences.

Theory to practice: implications for action

Abstracts and/or Short Papers should include research that directly affects practice. Research in this category will identify implications or a requirement to change how practitioners work in the field of health management. The papers should offer systematic evidence to support their theory into practice examples.

PhD Students' Session: 14th KMMC/EHMA Research Award



The Karolinska Medical Management Centre/EHMA Research Award is an annual award for the best contribution associated with a doctoral thesis related to health management. Selected by the EHMA SAC, the best papers will have the opportunity to compete for a € 1.000 prize during a dedicated PhD Students' session at the EHMA 2017 Annual Conference. The session will allow the selected students to provide short presentations on their ongoing research. The prize will be awarded in the closing plenary of EHMA 2017 Annual Conference.

Candidates should be young researchers in the final phase of PhD studies or have recently completed a PhD. Only the PhD students may present the abstract (supervisor are not allowed to present the papers on behalf on their students). Abstracts do not have to be linked to the Conference Theme but MUST be associated with a doctoral thesis in the field of health policy and management.

The presentation should include:

- a description of the PhD study as a whole and its background and methods, and
- a second part highlighting some initial findings.

More information on the Karolinska Medical Management Centre/EHMA Research Award can also be found on the EHMA website.

Further information on the EHMA Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Group (SIG) Primary Care

Our world, our societies are changing. So are healthcare systems. We need to adapt to specific needs for societies on the move, for labour or political reasons. And we need to adapt to chronic illnesses aging populations. And we must realise web and digitalisation may help both patients and health professionals. Primary care means being aware of it. Patient centred attention is no longer just a motto. Solo practices need teams to count on to provide all services. Health centres need to open themselves to the community. We'd like to hear and share such experiences in the Special Interest Group (SIG) Primary Care dedicated session.

For more details on the Primary Care SIG session, please contact Dr. Antoni Peris (aperis@casap.cat), EHMA Primary Care SIG chair.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Health Workforce in Management

At the EHMA 2017 Annual Conference, the SIG session on Health Workforce Management will again provide a platform to present and discuss the burning issues regarding health workforce planning, management and governance. It is generally agreed that the current health workforce management issues at stake are very diverse, complex and challenging. Both researchers and policy makers however, are searching for innovative, integrative and interdisciplinary and cross-national approaches that can fit different institutional and organizational conditions. As addressed in the previous SIG meetings, it is aimed to bring scholars and practitioners together on this growing field of health workforce management. Therefore, this SIG is open for contributions from different countries, disciplines and healthcare domains.

For more details on the Best Practice Management SIG session, please contact Dr. Ronald Batenburg (r.batenburg@nivel.nl), EHMA Health Workforce in Management SIG chair.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Best Practice in Management

This SIG workshop focuses on how Best Practices in clinical and administrative management contribute to leverage medical quality and patient outcome by containing costs simultaneously. For the 2017 conference we welcome research or practice abstract submissions representing Best Practice approaches and/or benchmarking results. It is our aim to discuss innovative concepts pertaining to the following areas of interests:

- Clinical Process Management: How to improve clinical workflows
- Best Practices in Health Services Research: Rethinking the continuum of care

Furthermore, generic benchmarking initiatives are welcome to be presented. In this field it is expected to learn how best-in-class solutions from other industries can help to achieve an advanced level of medical and economic performance. Finally, research results pertaining to the subject areas of disruptive technologies, digital health and precision medicine will be accepted.

For more details on the Best Practice Management SIG session, please contact Prof. Dr. Dr. Wilfried von Eiff (ckm@wiwi.uni-muenster.de), EHMA Best Practice in Management SIG chair. Authors of highly qualified abstracts/presentations will be asked to contribute their work to a book on Best Practice Management edited by Prof. Dr. Dr. Wilfried von Eiff and Prof. Dr. Sandra Buttigieg (co-chair).

Guidance on submission

<p>Abstract submission: The online Submission System asks for the following information</p>	<p>Full Title</p> <p>Type of Abstract (Classic Abstract, Short Paper)</p> <p>Abstract (Context/max 100 words, Methods/max 150 words, Results/max 150 words, Discussion/max 150 words)</p> <p>Short Paper (Max 450 words)</p> <p>Keywords (Up to four)</p> <p>Author(s) institution(s)</p> <p>Author(s) name(s)</p> <p>Presenting author's short biography (Max 150 words)</p> <p>Presentation type (Oral, Poster, Either)</p> <p>Sub Theme Selection (SIG Primary Care; SIG Workforce; SIG Best Practice; Integrated Care; Quality and Patient Safety; Operations Management; Mental Health; Health Governance and Public and Patient Involvement; Pharmaceuticals and medical health technology; eHealth; Purchasing and Procurement; Regulation and Risk Management; Medical Tourism; Professionalism and Change in the Skill Mix; Partnership between Health Systems and Industry; Data Analytics and Population Health; Performance and Outcomes Management; Other)</p> <p>Category Selection (Case histories and practice-driven remarks; New evidences from research; Perspectives: hot issues and provocative essays; Theory to practice: implications for action; PhD Students' Session)</p>
<p>Length of presentation:</p>	<p>Oral: oral presenters will have max 15 minutes for their presentations. Presentations are allowed only in PowerPoint format.</p> <p>Poster: posters must be in AO portrait in size (84 cm X 119 cm). Presenters must print their own poster and bring it to the conference.</p>
<p>Keywords:</p>	<p>Must include countries your paper refers to.</p>
<p>Submission deadline:</p>	<p>16 January 2017 at midnight CET. There will be no extension to the deadline! Please be sure to organise your submission on time.</p>
<p>Presenting author:</p>	<p>The main author(s) or a co-author only may present papers. Presenting author should be clearly marked on the online submission. Two presenters may be allowed to present the same paper only on approval of the session's chair. For the PhD Students Session, only PhD students can present their abstracts, not supervisors.</p>
<p>General:</p>	<p>Abstracts should be based on empirical research or scientific reflections presenting the findings from research and evaluation studies, or on results of management projects and initiatives. Papers are reviewed and selected on scientific quality, methods and relevance. Authors are particularly requested to clearly highlight the contribution of their paper to the Conference Theme.</p>
<p>Registration fee:</p>	<p>With the exception of the invited keynote speakers, those who are presenting papers will pay the early registration fee, as well as travel and accommodation costs.</p>

Registration Fees

	Early Registration* (before 17 April 2017)	Late Registration (after 17 April 2017)
EHMA Member	€550	€700
Non EHMA Member	€700	€850
Central and Eastern European Country Resident**	€400	€550
Full time PhD Student***	€400	€550

* Only registrations submitted before 17 April 2017 will benefit of the early fee discount. Authors accepted for presentation must confirm their participation through the payment of the fee by 17 April 2017.

** This rate only applies to persons coming from Central Eastern European Countries.

*** You must provide proof of full time student status on arrival at the Conference.

Group Discount: Group of colleagues from the same organisation or institution registering more than 5 colleagues at the same time will benefit of a discount of 10% on their overall registration fees.

According to the regulation of Italy, a VAT charge will be applied to the registration fees. EHMA reserves the right to amend this charge should the VAT rule or rate change. Registrants will be assessed a non-refundable 10.00 EUR fee to cover administrative costs.

Abstracts and/or Short Papers Selection

Abstracts and/or Short Papers submitted for the main categories are reviewed and selected by EHMA's Scientific Advisory Committee:

- Prof. Federico Lega (Chair), Bocconi University, Italy
- Dr. Ronald Batenburg, NIVEL, the Netherlands
- Prof. James Buchan, Queen Margaret University, United Kingdom
- Mr. Nick Fahy, Nick Fahy Consulting Limited, United Kingdom
- Dr. Pia Maria Jonsson, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
- Ms. Annette Katrava, International Consultant Health Care Services, Greece/Canada
- Prof. Dr. Kim Putters, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- Prof. Walter Sermeus, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Prof. Kieran Walshe, Manchester Business School, United Kingdom

Abstracts and/or Short Papers Selection (SIG Sessions)

Abstracts submitted for the SIG sessions are reviewed and selected by the SIG Chairs:

- Dr. Antoni Peris, CASAP, Spain
- Dr. Ronald Batenburg, NIVEL, the Netherlands
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Wilfried von Eiff, Centre for Hospital Management, Germany

Publication on the HSMR Journal

Papers presented at EHMA 2017 Annual Conference are eligible for a fast track on a special issue of Health Services Management Research (HSMR) Journal. HSMR is an authoritative international peer-reviewed journal which publishes theoretically and empirically rigorous research on questions of enduring interest to health-care organizations and systems throughout the world. Examining the real issues confronting health services management, it provides an independent view and cutting edge evidence-based research to guide policy-making and management decision-making. HSMR aims to be a forum serving an international community of academics and researchers on the one hand and healthcare managers, executives, policymakers and clinicians and all health professionals on the other. HSMR wants to make a substantial contribution to both research and managerial practice, with particular emphasis placed on publishing studies which offer actionable findings and on promoting knowledge mobilisation toward theoretical advances.

Following a pre-selection by EHMA's SAC, entitled candidates will be notified by **17 March 2017**. Selected authors will be asked to submit copy of the full paper according to the [HSMR Guideline](#).

In case you do NOT want your paper to be pre-selected, please remember to choose the "No" answer when expressively asked by the Submission System.

By choosing the "Yes" answer, you warrant that you are submitting your original work, that you have the rights in the work, that you are submitting the work for first publication in the Journal and that it is not being considered for publication elsewhere and has not already been published elsewhere, and that you have obtained and can supply all necessary permissions for the reproduction of any copyright works not owned by you.

Information on EHMA

Active since 1982, the European Health Management Association (EHMA) is a membership organisation open to all organisations and individuals committed to improving health and healthcare by raising standards of health management. With over 170 members in 38 countries our members represent all levels of the health system. EHMA is the only membership organisation in Europe to bring together policy makers, health managers, health professionals, researchers and educators. Our policy programme translates EU policy to the organisational level and influences the agenda from the bottom up. We collaborate with leading research institutions to accelerate the uptake of research findings into practice. Our management improvement portfolio supports health care innovation and education to enable the delivery of high quality healthcare across Europe.

For more information about EHMA 2017 Annual Conference or to support the association as a corporate partner/exhibitor, please contact:

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