A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE IN AGEING

ABSTRACTS NOW OPEN

AAG
Australian Association of Gerontology

53rd AAG CONFERENCE
17 – 20 NOVEMBER 2020
17TH NOVEMBER PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHPS
HOBART, TASMANIA

Invitation to Submit

The AAG Scientific Committee invites submissions of abstracts for presentation at our 53rd Annual Conference 2020: A Climate for Change in Ageing.

We welcome abstracts from researchers, educators, aged care and health practitioners, policy makers, students, consumer advocates and other experts who are interested in improving the experience of ageing for older people.

Submissions presenting ideas, critical reflections or case studies from practice, policy or the lived experienced are welcomed.

The conference theme reflects AAG's mission to improve the experience of ageing through connecting research, policy and practice.

The six themes for 2020 are:
- **Arts, design, innovation & technology**
- **Climate, environment and food**
- **Health and Medical**
- **Policy, advocacy, planning & change**
- **Service delivery, workforce & reform**
- **Social Engagement & Wellness**

Notification of Acceptance
Notification of acceptance will be sent via e-mail to the submitting author **by 8 June 2020**. The Conference Managers will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via the website or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events.

Registration
The presenting author will **be required to register** for the conference to ensure their abstract is included in the final Program. **The deadline for presenting author registration is 15 July, 2020**.

Key Dates

17 February, 2020

Abstract submission opens

27 April, 2020

Abstract submission close

8 June, 2020

Notification of Submission result

18 June, 2020

Preliminary Program Released

Reviewers and Review Criteria
Submissions will be "blinded" to the reviewers. Reviewers will not be able to see the authors or affiliations. Submitters must not assume that there will be knowledge of the previous work of a group or strength of a research group or researcher.

The criteria for judging whether an abstract will be suitable for the AAG Conference is as follows:

Quality of Presentation 25%
Does the title reflect the content of the abstract? Is the abstract/paper/case study well written - is the nature of the research/study/program easily understood, are the key results explained, is there a "so what" factor?

Quality of Work Described 50%
Innovation/novelty
Rigour of methods and underlying supporting data/material

Interest/Relevance 25%
Does the paper have potential real-world policy and/or practice implications?
Will this presentation be appealing to the AAG audience?

Presentation Formats

Interactive Sessions
Interactive sessions are workshop-style sessions with an interdisciplinary focus and encourage greater participation and discussion on current and crucial issues. Interactive sessions may have up to 3 presenters engaging the audience in activities that are directed toward one or more specific outcomes.

Interactive Sessions will be offered as 30, 45- or 60- minute sessions depending on final program

Symposia
Symposia are offered as concurrent sessions and allow presenters from diverse research or practice groups to engage audiences in a dynamic way. Symposia submissions should propose a set of closely related papers on a particular topic or the content of each submission.

Each symposium will have a multidisciplinary focus with a minimum of 3 presenters and a maximum of 6 presenters. Symposia are required to have a leader/convenor who is responsible for submitting an outline of the symposia, including the purpose or aims and the expected learning outcomes. It is also the leader/convenor's duty to coordinate and assist each presenter to submit their own individual abstract as part of the symposia.

Oral
Most submissions accepted for the AAG conference will be oral presentations. Oral presentations are a richer medium than written documents. They allow you to establish stronger contact with the audience and better convince them of your viewpoint through verbal and nonverbal methods, as well as the ensuing interaction. All speakers will be allocated a 15-minute presentation time, 12 minutes plus 3 minutes for question time. Question time will be done at the conclusion of each speaker in the session.

Rapid Fire
Rapid-fire presentations offer a unique opportunity for brief presentations, perhaps on new projects or works in progress. Presentations will be kept within a 5-minute timeframe and may use a maximum of 5 PowerPoint slides.

Tabletop
Tabletop sessions will be offered as concurrent sessions and give presenters the opportunity to present their work to a round table audience. It is a chance for presenters to be creative, receive feedback, practice presenting to a small group, and for delegates to network with the members of their table and discuss the topic directly with the presenter.

Poster
Posters provide a visual display of new techniques, programs, research or professional innovations. Posters will be displayed for set periods during the Conference with an allocated time for the presenting author to be available for queries.

Submission Guidelines

Title
The title should be short and a maximum of 10 words. The title should be informative and contain the major key words.

The title should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals.

Authors
Please note the online submission process only allows: Maximum 5 authors to be listed per abstract. (if you have more than 5 authors, please contact The AAG Conference Manager at aag@theconferencemanager.com.au)

Body
Maximum text length allowed is 300 words including references. Sub-headings e.g. Introduction, Method, Results, Conclusions etc. may be included if desired, however they will be included in the word count. Submissions must not contain figures, tables, images or footnotes.

Use standard abbreviations only. Within the body of the abstract, when using abbreviations spell out the name in full at the first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parentheses. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the name in full is outlined in the body of the abstract.

Capitalise the first letter of organisation name/s.

To Upload your Submission
All abstracts must be submitted online via the website
www.aag.asn.au

The main presenting author must be the one to submit the abstract.
The contact details provided in the submission profile should be those of the main presenting author as this will be the primary contact for all communications relating to submissions.

In the case of symposia the convenor/chair is responsible for submitting a session overview. The Overview must include the following sections:

- Introduction and background
- Purpose or aim(s)
- Overview of activities to be conducted
- Expected learning outcomes for audience members

For symposia presenters, each presenter will need to upload their own abstract and nominate the convenor/chair of the symposia when prompted during submission.

For interactive sessions, only the session leader/convenor is required to upload a submission. The session leader will liaise with the conference committee to provide details of other presenters once the submission has been accepted.

Terms and Conditions

- All abstracts must be received no later than 7pm AEST (5pm WAST) on Monday 27 April 2020. It is a condition of acceptance that all presenters (including co-presenters) must be registered by Monday 13 July 2020 and prior to the conference, paid the conference registration for the day on which they are scheduled to present.

- Please ensure your submission is accurate and clear. AAG cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions in the published submissions - it is your responsibility to ensure the final abstract is proofread before submitting.

- Abstracts submitted for presentation at the AAG Conference must not have been presented elsewhere unless agreed by the conference organiser prior to submission.

- Presenters must be available to present on any of the conference days, as assigned by the Scientific Committee.

- Incomplete or incorrect submissions will not be considered.

- Abstracts will be considered for all presentation formats, and may be accepted as a different format than that preferred in the submission.

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that can be submitted, however there will be a maximum of 2 presentations accepted for any submitter. If more than 2 submissions are accepted under blind review, any accepted symposia will take priority, and the submitter will be asked to select which submission they wish to present from the remaining accepted submissions.

- Presentations at the conference may be recorded and recordings will become property of AAG.

- AAG will commence notifications of submission results on Monday 8 June 2020. All submitting authors will be notified of the results by Friday 12th June 2020.