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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are pleased to announce the call for proposals for the 15th International Conference on Communication, Medicine, and Ethics (COMET), hosted by the Department of Communication Studies and the International Center for Intercultural Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA from June 26-28, 2017.

The COMET conference aims to bring together scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds involving various healthcare specialties and the human and social sciences. A special emphasis is on the dissemination of ongoing research in language/ discourse/ communication studies in relation to healthcare education, patient participation and professional ethics.

The submission for proposals opens on **November 15, 2016**. All proposals must be submitted by **January 16, 2017**.

Overall Theme and Areas

The overall theme of the conference is “translating research into practice.”

We invite proposals in the following areas:

- Client-Professional Encounters (*involving doctors, counsellors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, speech and language therapists, psychotherapists, etc.*)
- Communicating Risk and Uncertainty
- Communication Skills Training
- Distributed Expertise among Professionals and Clients
- Ethics and Communication
- Evidence in Diagnosis and Non-Diagnosis

- Health and Disability
- Health, Wellbeing and the Lifespan
- Health Literacy
- Interpreter Mediated Healthcare Delivery
- Interprofessional Communication and Hospital Management Systems
- Media and Health Communication
- Medical Education
- Narratives of Illness Experience
- Public Understanding of Health and Illness
- Quality of Life and Quality of Care
- Representation of the Body
- Research Ethics
- Health Technologies and Medical Informatics
- (Shared) Decision Making
- Tailoring Health Messages
- Telemedicine
- Values and Responsibilities in Professional Practice

Submission Guidelines

Proposals must be submitted via email to comet2017@hum.aau.dk .

Proposal submission deadline: January 16, 2017.

Proposals include panels, roundtables, and individual presentations (*oral or poster*).

For all submissions, please clearly indicate:

- Abstract title, author names, and full institutional affiliations of the responsible (presenting) author and collaborating authors.
- Contact e-mail address and phone number for the responsible author.
- Up to three relevant areas pertaining to the conference theme (feel free to indicate any applicable areas not listed above, too).

PANELS

Panels should address a common theme, content or methodological area, and will be scheduled for 90 minutes.

In addition to individual proposals (*no more than 250 words each*), please also submit an overview description of no more than 300 words highlighting the panel's content and objectives. Provide information about the panel members and the coordinator, stating full institutional affiliations and e-mail addresses.

INDIVIDUAL PAPERS

Proposals for individual papers (*no more than 250 words*) must clearly indicate a preference for

oral or poster presentation. Following the peer review process, the organizers will determine whether a proposal is selected for oral or poster presentation. Poster presenters must be physically present to discuss their work during the dedicated sessions. Oral presentations will typically be scheduled in sessions of 90 minutes, with 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation + 10 minutes for discussion) allocated to each individual presentation.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS ROUNDTABLE

Proposals for work-in-progress roundtables should be no more than 250 words targeted at oral presentation. The roundtables will be in sessions of 90 minutes, with individual presentations lasting 30 minutes (15 minutes for presentation + 15 minutes for discussion). This format is particularly suitable for early career researchers pursuing doctoral and postdoctoral studies and for experienced researchers undertaking/planning pilot projects or interested in reporting preliminary results. Please indicate clearly if your proposal falls into this category.

Proposal selection criteria

All proposals undergo a double blind peer-review process.

Please note that COMET conference policy is one main oral presentation per author. You may choose to submit more than one proposal, but normally only one proposal will be accepted for oral presentation. Any additional accepted proposals may be presented as poster(s).

There is no fixed template for writing proposals, but authors are urged to attend to the following criteria which will form the basis for peer review:

- originality of the topic and its relevance to the conference
- background contextualization of the study
- relationship between title and content
- structural organization
- theoretical/methodological appropriateness
- clarity of claims and relevance

Individual panels are reviewed in their entirety on the above criteria but also on the basis of their relevance to broader issues in communication, medicine, and ethics; the overall coherence of the proposal; and the usefulness of the panel to participants.

Decisions about acceptance/rejection will be communicated by **mid-February 2017**. Following formal acceptance, the responsible (presenting) authors must register participation prior to the finalization of the conference program. Early registration opens on **March 1, 2017**.

Inquiries

- For inquiries regarding proposals, registration, the conference schedule, etc., please contact the conference organizing committee at icic@iupui.edu.

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