

Call for Abstracts

The Australian Homoeopathic Association (AHA) invites practitioners and researchers from around the world to submit abstracts for presentation at our 2020 conference in Melbourne, Australia. Presentations may take one of two formats:

- a) Oral presentation with visual aids
- b) Posters – available for viewing and discussion.

This is an opportunity to share your research with colleagues from around the world. Practitioners and researchers at all career stages are encouraged to submit abstracts for poster and oral presentations.

Guidelines for submission

The submission deadline is Thursday 31st October 2019 at midnight, (AEDST).

All submissions must be made via the online submissions system, available from September 2019 which you will find at <https://homeopathyoz.org>. If you are unable to submit using the online form, please make us aware and we can discuss an alternative method of submission. There is no fee for submitting.

Abstracts may not be withdrawn or amended once submitted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please note that submitting an abstract does not act as registration for the conference.

If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact us at
ahaconference2020@gmail.com

Content of abstracts

The theme of the conference "Inside Out" invites you to discuss the roots of our homoeopathic philosophy (philo meaning old and sophia meaning wisdom) as it stands from inception to within the modern world we live in.

The fig is an inside-out flower. It is not a fruit. It is an inflorescence, which is a community of flowers that flourish from within. Like the ancient fig, homoeopathy faces its hardships and stresses time and time again; forces of nature compelling it to withstand these challenges from the inside out. The AHA invites the homoeopathic community to submit papers exploring tradition and law from the roots up, substantiating our history and philosophy whilst bringing us into the science of today.

All abstracts must be directly related to homoeopathy and/or homoeopathy research and address a clearly defined philosophical or scientific question in practice. We ask that bridges be built between the old and the new, integrating our theme of "Inside Out".

- Abstracts describing clinical experience, case studies or practice will be accepted with supporting examples that clearly follow homoeopathic tenets and principles.
- Research studies will be accepted and are to be presented in the context of a research question/hypothesis and explored using a recognised and appropriate research methodology.

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All abstracts must clearly fit the theme of 'Inside Out' i.e. with an emphasis on the latest developments across the various fields of homoeopathy research. We encourage submission of recently published or unpublished findings. Suitable topics include (but are not limited to):

- Clinical research (quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods, analysis of research methods)
- Homoeopathic Philosophy in the modern world
- Environmental medicine and its relevance in our toolboxes
- Disease prevention
- Health services research
- Materia Medica, provings and Methodologies.
- Agrohomoeopathy
- Veterinary research
- Clinical reflections/auditing
- Miasmatic theory and it's present day application.

If you are unsure whether your topic is suitable, please email us at ahaconference2020@gmail.com and we will be happy to advise you.

Preparing your abstract

All abstracts must be written in concise academic English so that reviewers are able to focus solely on the merits of the submission. We recommend that non-English-speaking authors have their abstracts checked for grammar and spelling by a native speaker prior to submission.

Abstracts must be less than 300 words with no references, tables or figures. Text may be continuous or in multiple paragraphs, with or without subheadings.

Please use only standard abbreviations. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses

after the full word/s appear the first time. Do not use bold type or underline formatting. Italics are acceptable.

Before you begin the submission process, please ensure you have prepared the following:

1. Presenting author's and co-authors' details:
 - a) Full first and family name(s)
 - b) Affiliation details, if applicable : department, institution/hospital, city, state (if relevant), country, email address
2. Abstract title – 25 words max., clearly indicating the nature of the work presented in the abstract
3. Abstract text – 300 words max

For research-based papers please include:

- a) Background and aims
- b) Methods
- c) Results
- d) Conclusions
- e) Key words (5 words max.).

For theory-based papers please include:

- a) Background and aim
- b) Key points
- c) Conclusions

Submitting authors are responsible for ensuring that all co-authors give their consent to be named and that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract.

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By submitting an abstract, the author is automatically giving their consent for their abstract to be included in the printed conference program and to be published in the conference proceedings in the journal *Similia*.

Included abstracts will be typeset from the text submitted without copy editing changes. It is the responsibility of the author to proofread the abstract carefully before final submission, including the author list.

Separate to submitting the abstract - Speakers need to provide evidence that usage and disclosure permissions have been given for case studies, and in the case of research documents, provide evidence that ethics permission has been granted. Human research must be to the standard of the Australian Research Council's Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research

[https://www.arc.gov.au/policies-strategies/
policy/codes-and-guidelines](https://www.arc.gov.au/policies-strategies/policy/codes-and-guidelines)

If an abstract describes work involving animals for research purposes, the AHA team may contact the submitting author for further details before a final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of the abstract can be made.

Peer review

All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed with particular attention given to the quality and importance of the work in the field of homoeopathy. The peer review process will be guided by AHA's Advisory Committee.

Please ensure all contact email addresses are entered correctly at the time of submission: AHA is not responsible for failed delivery to an incorrect email address.

Email: ahaconference2020@gmail.com

Website: <https://homeopathyoz.org>

Presentation

Acceptance of an abstract for presentation at the conference will be based on the results of peer review, available space and overall program balance.

It is assumed that the presenting author will have adequate command of English to present and respond to questions. If that is not the case, authors should indicate 'Poster' as their preference or make their own arrangements for a presenter to speak or translate for them.

Authors can present a maximum of two posters.

Results

Results of the abstract review process will be announced by 31st January 2020. All abstract authors will be notified of the results of their submission directly by email. Submission of an accurate email address is therefore critical.

If the abstract is accepted, the email will specify whether it will be for oral or poster presentation.

If you have not received a results notification email by mid February 2020 please check your spam/junk folder. If you still have not received a notification, please contact us by email:

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Conference Bookings

All successful oral and poster presenters must confirm their participation in the conference by registering before 31st March 2020. Failure to register by this date will mean cancellation of your invitation to present and your slot will be offered to authors on the waiting list.

Authors selected to give a presentation will be able to register for the conference at a highly discounted fee.

Super Early Bird registration for the conference will open in January 2020.

As places for the conference are limited, we recommend that you book your place at the earliest opportunity.

Please refer to the website

<https://homeopathyoz.org> or

the Facebook page **@AHCMelbourne2020**.

If you are selected to make an oral presentation at a later date and you have already registered to attend the conference as a delegate, the full presenter discount will be applied retrospectively as a refund.

