



News Update

APRIL 2008 UPDATE

NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF ABSTRACTS

By the time this update is posted, most authors will have received notification of the status of their abstract (sent out in the week of 14-18 April). There was a large volume of abstracts received, and overall they were of a very high standard and covered a rich variety of topics and methods. Following a challenging meeting by the programming/scientific group, the program has been finalised: In all there will be 181 long presentations, 291 short presentations and 416 posters at the Congress.

LAYOUT OF SESSIONS

There will be a vast range of topics presented at the congress. There will be 10 sessions relating to social capital and health equity, 8 relating to food and 6 relating to Indigenous health. There will also be sessions covering cancer (3) child/perinatal health (4) chronic disease (5) International health (4) health promotion (3) and women's health (4).

REGISTRATIONS

There are about 165 registrations with three weeks to go until the close of Earlybird Registrations on Friday May 2nd. It is envisaged that there will be another 500-600 registrations in this three week period as presenters register for the Congress. You are encouraged to register as early as possible to ensure that you are able to attend the breakfast and lunch sessions of your choice. Presenters please note that you must register by 2nd May to guarantee a place in the Congress program.

ACCOMMODATION

The Congress Conference Co-ordinators are encouraging everybody to book accommodation early, especially for the Saturday night prior to the Congress as bookings are already heavy due to the International Rugby Match being played in Brisbane that night.

SESSIONS CHAIRS

With around 80 concurrent proffered paper sessions being run during the congress, we will be seeking people willing to chair these sessions. Soon, the four participating organizations will be approaching people who are attending the Congress to become chairs.

VOLUNTEERS

Applications for the 12 Congress volunteer positions closed on Friday April 18th. The successful applicants will be notified very shortly.

FULL PAPERS

A group of 22 people have been offered the opportunity to submit full papers to the Congress Full Paper Review Committee. Papers will be submitted by April 18th and reviewed by May 2nd, and posted on the Congress website during and after the Congress.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Some Branches and Special Interest Groups of the Congress partner organisations (PHAA, AEA, AHPA and AFPHM) are offering their own scholarships and awards in association with Congress. See below for details or speak to your local representatives:

AHPA - One free registration per state/territory Branch. Some Branches may provide additional scholarship support (e.g. additional registrations, accommodation, travel, etc). Speak to your local AHPA Branch representative <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/branches/branches.php>

PHAA (SA) - Two student scholarships; closing date 22nd May 2008; contact teresa.burgess@adelaide.edu.au

AEA (Aus) - Three awards are being offered. 1. Up to five AEA Student Bursaries (value \$200AUD) based on abstracts submitted by students. 2. One AEA Student Presentation Prize for the best poster - value \$200AUD. This will be announced and awarded at the Congress. 3. Up to three AEA Early Career Awards (Value \$500AUD each). Details are available from the AEA website http://www.aea.asn.au/studentmembers_who.htm

AEA (NZ) - For a NZ student to attend the conference. Preference is given to students who are financial members of the AEA, who are presenting a paper at the conference, and who do not have access to any other funding for conference attendance. The award is advertised to New Zealand members and through the AEA bulletin and academic departments mid year.

