

International Public Health Conference

The upcoming International Public Health Conference is themed “*Public health surveillance and monitoring systems*” and will be held on the 24th April 2014 in Tirana, Albania.

This Public Health Conference will address surveillance and monitoring systems of selected major public health topics including communicable and non-communicable diseases, mother and child health, and youth health.

Conference venue:

Tirana International Hotel & Conference Centre
Skanderbeg Square 8, Tirana, Albania

Organization

The International Public Health Conference is organized by the Institute of Public Health under the auspices of the Albanian Ministry of Health.

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Conference Program**Thursday, 24th April**

08.30 - 09.00	Registration of Participants and Virtual Poster Presentation	
	Opening session of the International Public Health Conference	
09.00 - 09.45	Welcome of participants by the director of the Institute of Public health (IPH)	Dr. Arjan Bregu
	Welcome address by the Minister of Health	Mr. Ilir Beqaj
	Welcome address by IANPHI	Prof. Pekka Puska
	Welcome address by United Nations Resident Coordinator	Mrs. Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun

PLENARY SESSION: Health surveillance and monitoring systems**Chairperson : Prof. Genc Burazeri**

09.45 – 10.00	Health surveillance and monitoring systems in Albania	Mrs. Milva Ekonomi, MoH
10.00 – 10.15	Health surveillance and monitoring systems in Belgium	Johan Petters, Belgium
10.15 – 10.30	Current public health challenges in Albania	Genc Burazeri, IPH
10.30 – 10.45	Presentation from IANPHI representatives	IANPHI presentation
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break and virtual posters</i>	
11.15 - 12.30	PARALLEL SESSION 1 Topic: <i>Non communicable diseases</i>	Moderator: A. Ylli
11.15 - 12.30	PARALLEL SESSION 2 Topic: <i>Mother and child health</i>	Moderator: E. Kakarriqi

11.15 - 12.30	PARALLEL SESSION 3 Topic: <i>Children and Youth health</i>	Moderator: G. Qirjako
11.15 - 12.30	PARALLEL SESSION 4 Topic: <i>Lessons learned from immunization registries and vaccine preventable diseases</i>	Moderator: S. Bino
12.30 – 13.00	Reporting back from parallel sessions and conclusions	
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch and Virtual Poster Presentation</i>	

Abstract instructions

Abstracts will be considered for oral, or poster presentation. Oral presentations will be 10 minutes, with 5 minutes of discussion time in 90 minute sessions. Individuals must register for the conference in order to present the abstract.

Abstracts are not limited to the main conference theme: other public health and health services' topics are welcome.

All abstracts should be submitted by e-mail at: konferencashp@yahoo.com

Deadline for abstract submission: 31 March, 2014.

Applicants will be notified of the acceptance of their abstract(s) by 6 April 2014.

General guidelines

- The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words. However, graphs, tables, or maps can be accepted, but should be placed at the end of the text.
- Authors should indicate the first and second choice of presenting their respective abstract(s): oral vs. poster presentation.
- *Abstract title:* should be brief, with no abbreviations or acronyms. Geographic location and dates of the study should be mentioned whenever possible/relevant.
- *Presenting author:* the name of the presenting author should be typed in full (first name and family name).
- *Affiliations:* if more than one affiliation is listed, please use 1, 2, 3 to number them.

Abstract structure

Authors should use the following headings to structure their abstracts:

- *Aim:* should address the scientific background and rationale for the study as well as the public health significance of the topic under study. Authors should describe the importance of the study, the research question(s) and the objectives of the study.
- *Methods:* should describe the study design, setting (community, clinic, hospital), study participants, analytic and/or intervention techniques and outcome measures.

- *Results*: should present the major quantitative and qualitative findings, accompanied by confidence intervals or levels of significance of statistical tests, as appropriate. “Negative” as well as “positive” findings may be equally of interest. However, the authors should report only those results which relate to their conclusion.
- *Conclusion*: authors should state only those conclusions that are directly supported by data. Authors should report on the public health actions that are recommended for implementation. As far as possible, authors should highlight the magnitude of the public health impact of their research work.

Evaluation procedure

All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee according to the following criteria: (i) novelty and relevance of the research work; (ii) methodology; (iii) implications for public health research and practice.

Conference registration

For registration, please contact the conference secretariat at: rudibaboci@yahoo.com