

HIMAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2010
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

*HIMAA invites the submission of abstracts for its 2010 National Conference
The conference will be held in Sydney, NSW on the 27th - 29th October 2010*

Health Information: the Golden Thread in Health Reform

Health information is one of the essential building blocks of a strong health system¹. The conference aim is to explore how health information management is central to the healthcare reform agenda, in light of "A Healthier Future For All Australians"; the final report from the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission².

The following three challenges, as articulated in the NHHRC report, are all opportunities for demonstrating the key role of health information management. The challenges are the key topics selected for the 2010 conference papers and have a number of sub-topics which can be used as a guide for abstract themes.

1. How to use information to redesign our health system to meet emerging challenges

- Electronic Health Records – privacy, unique identifiers and the framework for e-health
- Activity based funding and case mix
- Change management for health reform

2. How to create an agile and self-improving health system for future generations by using information

- Improvements in safety and quality in healthcare
- Accountability – health performance reporting and national performance indicators
- Planning and educating a modern health information workforce
- Clinical coding and data quality

3. How information can act as an enabler to tackle the major access and equity issues

- Improving health information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Information as a tool to connect and integrate health and aged care services
- Integrating multidisciplinary primary health care services through information

Criteria for Selection

Paper selection for oral presentation will be made by the Conference Committee. Criteria for selection will include innovation, relevance and professional interest. The Committee is seeking contributions which will provide participants with both practical information and newly researched findings.

Important information for intending authors

Submissions for inclusion in the Conference program should comply with the following criteria. Please follow these criteria carefully, as papers that do not include all details cannot be accepted.

- Papers should be original, and the author's own work. Work which has been previously published or presented must include details of when and where presented and may be included at the discretion of the committee.
- All submitted manuscripts must be complete and legible.
- All manuscripts are to be submitted in English.

What to include when submitting an abstract

The following information must be submitted with each abstract:

Author/s

- Name of principal author. Family name should be shown in **bold**. Please include your title
- Names of all contributing authors
- Name of author's organisation
- Full mailing address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address
- Brief (100 word) curriculum vitae (CV) for each author
- Whether the paper, if accepted, requires peer - review

The Presentation

- Title of presentation
- An abstract of not more than 300 words
- References / Acknowledgement
- Contact Details

Categories of Presentation

Papers will be sourced from a wide range of topics, however authors are encouraged (but not limited to) submitting papers based around the theme/topic areas listed above.

How to submit an abstract

E-mail	Abstracts can be sent to eo@hima.org.au as either .RTF or .DOC format.
Mail	Please send a /CD/DVD with files saved as either .RTF or .DOC format and two hard copies of all documents to: HIMAA 2010 Conference C/- Chief Executive Officer HIMAA Locked Bag 2045 North Ryde NSW 1670 AUSTRALIA

Due date for accepting abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted by **30th April 2010**. All abstracts will be acknowledged by e-mail or in writing.

Notification of acceptance

Authors will be notified in writing of the result of their submission by June 2010. Notification will include advice regarding acceptance for oral presentation; allotted duration for oral presentations and preliminary information (which is subject to change) about the session time for the presentation. At this time, authors will be offered the opportunity to revise the paper/abstract. Upon acceptance, authors will also be advised about submitting full-text copies of their presentation for publication in the Conference Proceedings. HIMAA reserves the right to publish all accepted papers in the HIM Journal.

Key dates

Call for abstracts	14 th December 2009
Abstracts due for submission	30 th April 2010
Abstract acceptance	30 th June 2010
Conference dates	27 th - 29 th October 2010

Costs

Successful presenters are advised that they are responsible for meeting all costs associated with attending the conference, and the presentation of their paper.

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¹ World Health Organization (2007), Everybody's Business: Strengthening Health Systems to Improve Health Outcomes. A Framework for Action [online] Available: http://www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/Health_Systems_EverybodyBusinessHSS.pdf

² Commonwealth of Australia (2009) Healthier Future For All Australians – Final Report of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission [online] Available: <http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/nhhrc-report>