

2ND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND REFUGEE TRAUMA RECOVERY IN RESETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

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HEALING IN EXILE
CURRENT & FUTURE CHALLENGES

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

FOR PAPER, WORKSHOP AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Abstract submission closes: Friday 3 August 2018



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The Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT) invites individuals and communities from refugee backgrounds, clinicians, practitioners, researchers, philosophers and policy makers to submit an abstract for the *2019 Australia and New Zealand Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference*.

This biennial FASSTT Conference is being organised by FASSTT's Queensland agency, The Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT). The most recent conference in Sydney in March 2017 was an outstanding success with well over 650 attendees.

The 2019 conference theme, *Healing in Exile – Current and Future Challenges*, will explore innovative and successful initiatives that enable people from refugee backgrounds to recover from torture and other traumatic events and resettle in their new context. The conference committee invites abstracts for presentations, workshops or posters that reflect the conference themes.

The voices of people from refugee backgrounds will be central to this conference and people from refugee backgrounds are invited to submit their abstracts across any of the conference themes.

CONFERENCE THEMES

• Socio Political Context

- eg:
- Control of whole populations - the economy of torture
 - Global conditions that create and enable the acceptance of torture
 - The policy mindset of post conflict regimes

• Human Rights, Ethics & Morality

- eg:
- Philosophical insights that contribute to understanding causes, impacts, responsibilities and solutions
 - Should we differentiate between torture and other abuse
 - How do we fight against torture
 - Challenges to principled sustainability
 - Advocacy in the broader community
 - Human rights frameworks that enable work in this area

• Community Perspectives

- eg:
- Refugee voices and comments
 - Effective community engagement
 - Community based recovery
 - The role of community in recovery

• Practice Wisdom & Progression

- eg:
- Barriers and solutions to service access
 - Professional innovations:
 - Community work
 - Clinical work
 - Work with particular populations such as:
 - young people
 - children
 - asylum seekers
 - women, men, families
 - people with a disability
 - Developments in practice frameworks – what lessons have we learned
 - Community perspectives on practice development

• Service Development

- eg:
- Cross cultural workforces
 - Supportive workplaces
 - Community perspectives on service development
 - The place of supervision to combat burn-out

SUBMISSION OPTIONS

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations will be 20 minutes in total, allowing for 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Abstracts not selected for paper presentation may be offered a poster presentation.

WORKSHOPS

Full (6 hours) or half day (4 hours) pre conference workshops will be held on Wednesday 27 March 2019. Workshops will provide an opportunity for a more in depth approach to one of the five main conference themes.

POSTERS

The dedicated poster session on Thursday 28 March 2019 will provide an interactive forum for authors to discuss their work. Posters will be displayed in the Plaza Terrace foyer, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. This is the main conference foyer and the venue for morning tea, afternoon tea and lunches.

Poster presenters are asked to bring their posters to the conference and erect them on their allocated board in the Plaza Terrace Foyer between 7.00am - 8.00am on Thursday 28 March 2019. Posters will be exhibited for the duration of the conference and authors are requested not to dismantle their posters until 4.30pm on Friday 29 March 2019.

Poster presenters may also consider having additional hard copies of their poster available as handouts for interested delegates.

Poster dimensions: 90cm wide x 120cm high maximum (Portrait).

** Please note: nothing larger can be accommodated

Poster submissions will be invited according to the following criteria:

1. Originality
2. Relevance to conference themes
3. Contribution to the body of knowledge
4. Relevance of conclusion
5. Adequacy of discussion
6. Clarity and style

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstracts for oral or poster presentations must include:

- primary conference theme
- background and aims
- methodology
- challenges identified
- implications and conclusions

Abstracts longer than 300 words will not be considered.



HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

The submission and review of abstracts for the *2nd Australia and New Zealand Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference* will be managed through the online abstract system, EventsAir.

The "Submit Now!" button will take you to the EventsAir log in page where you will need to complete the contact details form to submit your abstract. EventsAir will have all the necessary information and prompts for you to access and register in the system.

SUBMIT NOW!

The EventsAir website is the only way you can submit your abstract. Email or hardcopy abstracts will not be accepted.

Abstracts will be reviewed by an expert panel according to the following criteria and weighting:

- Clarity of aims, methods and conclusions (35%)
- Contribution to knowledge (35%)
- Alignment with the *2nd Australia and New Zealand Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference* themes (30%)

KEY DATES

Confirmation of Receipt of Abstracts: Immediately following submission, you will receive an acknowledgment email confirming receipt of your abstract. If you need to make changes to your abstract submission, you can do so by logging back into your dashboard no later than the submission deadline of **Friday 3 August 2018**. No changes will be possible after this deadline.

Acceptance Notification: Authors presenting posters, oral presentations and workshops will be notified of acceptance by Friday 7 September 2018.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Abstracts must be submitted in English and be limited to 300 words.
- The presenting author's biography and photo should be submitted with the abstract. The biography should be in complete sentences and contain information about current work role, career history and professional achievements. The presenting author's biography and photo may be used in the conference registration brochure and promotional material.
- Multiple abstract submissions are permitted, however a separate abstract submission must be completed for each submission.
- The abstract will appear in Conference materials as submitted. Changes or additions after the submission abstract deadline date of **Friday 3 August 2018 will not be accepted**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Authors submitting an abstract agree to the following:

- The presenting author will be required to register for the conference and is responsible for registration, travel and hotel costs. Should two authors wish to co-present, both will be required to register. Abstracts will not be published until registration and payment have been received.
- Submitted abstracts will be published as submitted; no editing to grammar or spelling will be undertaken.
- Each author listed agrees with the content of the abstract and agrees to be listed as a co-author.
- Any presenter who is unable to attend should arrange for another qualified individual to present the paper/poster in question. If such a change is necessary please notify the conference organisers as soon as possible at info@refugeetraumaconf.org.au.

If you have any questions regarding your submission, please contact the conference secretariat by email:

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