



Priorities 2010

**The International Society for Priorities in Health Care
April 23-25, 2010
Boston, Massachusetts USA**

Call for Abstracts: Opens October 20, 2009

The International Society for Priorities in Health Care invites you to submit an abstract to the 2010 conference to be held in Boston, MA – one of the most beautiful, historic and interesting cities in the US.

The conference provides a forum for researchers, practitioners, decision-makers and policy-makers to exchange ideas and experience. The Society focuses on getting research into practice by encouraging practitioners to learn about approaches to priority setting and encouraging researchers to learn from real experience across the spectrum of developing and developed nations.

This year's conference theme is “**Priority Setting in Difficult Economic Times**”.

The financial crisis has hit most countries hard and may influence private and public spending on health care. How do health care systems worldwide set their priorities in difficult times? What role does priority setting play in health care reform? How are low-income countries affected, and what are the appropriate responses?

This year's conference will be held ‘back-to-back’ with the Harvard University Program in Ethics and Health 5th Annual International Conference which will focus this year on the ethics of procedures in priority setting.

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 18, 2009

Priorities 2010 is seeking oral and poster presentations that will contribute to new insights within one of the five key theme areas:

Key Theme Areas:

1. Setting priorities in global health (practice of funding and implementing agencies in global health, prioritization by governments in countries with extreme resource scarcity)
 2. Priority setting in public health (experiences of public institutes dealing with H1N1 and other - global - public health hazards, what are lessons learned)
 3. Public debate, dialogue and deliberation (what is the impact of media and the population on rationing decisions)
 4. Theoretical and methodological advances in priority setting (reconciling health system objectives, the ethical and the economic, developments in health technology assessment, evaluating public health interventions)
 5. Practical advances in priority setting (accounting for the politics of health care, development of priority setting tools, case-studies of successful priority setting exercises).
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Policies and Requirements for the submission of abstracts

Presenting authors will be required to register for the conference. All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee, which reserves the right to accept or reject abstracts for inclusion in the scientific program. Scientific contributions will be grouped by theme. Authors should indicate the theme most suitable to their work although the final decision is taken by the Scientific Committee.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be submitted in electronic form in Microsoft Word Document (DOC).

Abstract Formatting Guidelines

The abstract should be compliant with the following formatting rules:

- Abstract should not exceed a maximum of 250 words
- The page format should be A4 (21.0 cm × 29.7 cm)
- Use Times New Roman font and all text must be at least 9 pt, except title which should be at least 14 pt
- The abstract should have the following sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions
- The abstract must contain contact information of at least one of the authors including email address
- Figures, tables and equations must have separate sequential numbering

Submission Procedures

Abstracts should be submitted in electronic form to our conference manager:

cjzehnder@organizational-services.com If you do not receive a confirmation from her within 48 hours, please contact her by telephone: (1) 734-926-0980

Notification deadline: Friday, January 22, 2010
