

VISION FOR HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION BEYOND 20/20

15 – 18 September 2020
Sandton Convention Centre
Johannesburg
South Africa



HOSTED BY
HPCSA
Health Professions Council of South Africa

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The 14th International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) International Conference under the theme **“Vision for Health Practitioner Regulation Beyond 20/20”** will be hosted by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). The conference will be taking place from 15th – 18th September 2020 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

We live in an era where the practice of medicine is changing rapidly, technology is pervasive, team base care is a norm and we hope at this conference, all these matters will be discussed. The changing regulatory landscape demands regulatory authorities to be responsive, which is why we hope to connect health practitioner regulators across the globe, to share experience on local and global trends.

The conference seeks to host health regulators, academics, health professionals, policy makers and members of the public, with the aim of facilitating an exchange of information and meaningful collaboration, which will provide for the development of concepts and new approaches in the regulation of health professionals.

The core principle is to develop a program that –

- is of the highest technical quality;
- encourages active debate through effective engagement;
- actively engages session participants;
- is diverse and inclusive;
- is attractive to our target audiences, including:
 - medical regulatory authorities;
 - those from different health regulatory backgrounds, including other sectors and fields relevant to the conference theme;
 - regular conference attendees and those attending for the first time;
 - residents of different geographic regions.

2. ABOUT THE HOSTS

International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities

With over one hundred members from all regions of the world, IAMRA promotes effective medical regulation worldwide by supporting best practice, innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing in the interest of public safety and in support of the medical profession.

Health Professions Council of South Africa

The Health Professions Council of South Africa is a statutory body whose legislative mandate is established in terms of the Health Professions Act (Act 56 of 1974);

The mandate of the HPCSA is to protect the public and guide the professions;

This mandate is derived from the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. The Act seeks to provide for control over the education, training and registration for practising healthcare professions registered under the Act; and

The HPCSA comprises of 12 Professional Boards which represent the various healthcare professions in the country.

3. PROGRAMME PLANNING COMMITTEE

The IAMRA Programme Planning Committee (PPC) is mandated to develop a scientific programme that is relevant, interesting, balanced, meets the objectives of the conference.

The PPC is constituted as follows –

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| 1. Dr Kgosi Letlape (Chair) | IAMRA Chair & HPCSA President |
| 2. Dr Heidi Oetter | IAMRA Chair-elect |
| 3. Ms Joan Simeon | IAMRA Management Committee Member |
| 4. Mr Daniel Yumbya | IAMRA Management Committee Member |
| 5. Dr Alison Reid | IAMRA Executive Director |
| 6. Ms Roxanne Huff | IAMRA Operations Officer |
| 7. Prof Julia Mekwa | HPCSA Council Member |
| 8. Ms Zola Dantile | HPCSA Council Member |
| 9. Mr Lesiba Malotana | HPCSA Vice President |
| 10. Dr Raymond Billa | HPCSA Registrar/CEO |

4. THEME AND SUB THEME SUBMISSIONS

Within the overarching Conference theme “Vision for Health Practitioner Regulation Beyond 20/20”, the PPC invites you to submit abstracts linked to the following five sub-themes and examples.

Physician Wellness	Designing Sustainable Regulation	Disruption in Regulation	Competence Systems	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing impaired practitioners • Misuse of opioids / other drugs of dependence • Building resilience • Safe work environments • Career options for older practitioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team-based regulation • Working with regulators of other professions • Multi-profession regulatory authorities • Community engagement • Regulatory autonomy, law and governance • Risk-based regulation and managing data • Balancing Human rights, ethics and law • Universal Health Coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial Intelligence • Blockchain • New technologies and regulation • New therapies and regulation • Disaster responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving quality (CQI) • Assuring competence/performance • Cultural competence • Risk factors • Complaint management • Prescribing drugs of dependence • Assessing IMGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Program Planning Committee will welcome abstracts on other topics of interest to the membership.

Authors must indicate which of the five (5) sub-themes their abstract relates to. Authors must also nominate their preference for an oral, workshop or poster presentation. Authors will also be asked if they have a second preference should their first preference be unsuccessful.

5. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Online Submissions @ www.iamra2020.co.za

Step 01 Register for abstract submission

- Click on the abstract registration link provided for the event
- Complete the abstract registration form and submit
- Confirm abstract registration by following the link in the confirmation email sent

Step 02 Submitting an abstract

- Log in on the abstract submission system
- Click on the 'Add abstract' button
- Enter all required fields and submit
- Click on the 'Add author' link above the author table in order to add more authors
- Once you are happy with your abstract, click the 'Submit for review' button in order to make it available to reviewers.

Step 03 Edit abstract

- Log in on the abstract submission system
- Open your abstract by clicking on the title
- Click on the 'Edit' button in order to edit the abstract body and other selections
- Click on the 'Delete' button in order to delete your abstract
- Click on the 'Add author' link above the author table in order to add more authors
- Click on the 'edit' icon next to an author in order to edit an author
- Click on the 'delete' icon next to an author in order to delete an author

Note: The Programme Planning Committee will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via the website or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events.

6. GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Please read through the submission instructions below before preparing your abstract:

- All submissions should be completed electronically via the online submission facility.
- If you are unable to submit in this manner, please contact the Conference Organising Office for further information at –
 - iamraabstract@hpcsa.co.za
 - +27 12 338 9320
 - +27 76 563 4736
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual. However, splitting a body of work into multiple abstracts is discouraged and consolidation into one abstract is preferred.
- Abstracts may be submitted for –
 - oral presentation (15 minutes + 5 minutes discussion),
 - workshop - Workshop abstracts must include 2-3 learning points that delegates will take away from the session.

- All submissions must provide –
 - sub-theme for the submission
 - name of the presenting author/s
 - author affiliation(s) such as department, organization
- It is the author’s responsibility to ensure that the title, author and affiliation details entered in the abstract submission site are correct and exactly as they should be published in all conference materials.
- The abstract must be original work and contain –
 - sufficient information to provide an overview of the whole presentation
 - methods: briefly describing project/study design and results
 - information about when and where the content has already been published and/or presented
- If you would like attendees to refer to a website please include the website's URL as a footnote to your abstract.
- The abstract should not contain statements alluding to results or conclusions that are not presented within the text.
- Authors are requested to be sensitive to, and show respect for, ethnic, cultural, religious, and gender diversity.
- Submission of an abstract acknowledges the author’s consent to publication of the abstract in the Conference programme.
- The author will be requested to provide a short biography (Up to 100 words) **see “my biography” section on website.**
- The presenting author must register for the Conference to ensure their abstract is included in the final programme.

The deadline abstracts submission is 15 April 2020.

7. ABSTRACT FORMAT

- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
- The abstract body must not exceed **300** words.
- The word limit relates only to the body of the abstract and does not include title, authors, qualifications, affiliations and institutions. These should be populated in the section below the abstract as per submission site.
- The abstract title must not exceed **150** characters.
- Font type must be Arial 11pt.
- Use single line spacing.
- Tables or graphics may be included in the abstract body. All formatting is preserved (italics, bold, superscripting, subscripting, underlining) and symbol characters (i.e., \pm , μ , β) may be used.
- Standard abbreviations may be used for common terms. Otherwise, abbreviations should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word/s. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the full name/term is contained in the body of the abstract.

The Programme Planning Committee requests that authors ensure that presentations are engaging and interactive.

8. ABSTRACT ASSESSMENT

The Programme Planning Committee in its review, will consider several factors, including –

- Is the abstract relevant to the regulation of health professionals?
- Does the title reflect the content of the abstract?
- Is the theme of the abstract clear/explicit?
- Is the abstract interesting in that it adds new knowledge or a fresh perspective?
- Does the abstract add to the current body of work in this area?
- Does the topic include national and international perspectives and is it of relevance to a broad range of Conference attendees?
- Is there an opportunity for audience engagement and participation?

9. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance notifications will be sent to the submitting author via e-mail by **20 May 2020**. Authors of abstracts that cannot be accommodated within the program may be offered a place in the poster display. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference program.

Accepted authors will be notified about the scheduled date and time of their presentation after their conference registration is confirmed.

10. CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, 14 September 2020

Registration Counters Opens for Exhibitors, Sponsors, Media

Tuesday, 15 September 2020

Registration Officially Opens for Conference Delegates
Presidential Opening Ceremony - "Vision for Health Professional Regulation Beyond 20/20"
Welcome Reception

Wednesday, 16 September 2020

Full Day Conference

Thursday, 17 September 2020

- Full Day Conference
- IAMRA Members General Assembly
- Gala Dinner

Friday, 18 September 2020

Half Day Conference
Conference Wrap-up




11. CONFERENCE CRITICAL DATES

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| • Call for Abstracts | 15 December 2019 |
| • Conference registrations open | 01 February 2020 |
| • Abstracts submissions close | 15 April 2020 |
| • Abstract review commences | 20 April 2020 |
| • Authors advised | 20 May 2020 |
| • Authors acceptance deadline | 15 June 2020 |
| • Authors early bird registration closes | 30 June 2020 |

*Don't miss out on this opportunity
to connect and collaborate
with the health practitioner regulatory community*

*The HPCSA looks forward to welcoming you in
Sandton Johannesburg, South Africa*

Queries

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