



## THE 29<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS

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### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

#### Summary instructions:

- Abstracts should be written in Word, font Arial size 11, with 2,5 cm margins
- The text should be written in English
- Abstracts should follow the template below
- Only one abstract per person is allowed
- Deadline for sending your abstract is April 25th 2022, to [info@ifglobal.org](mailto:info@ifglobal.org)

The 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus will be an online or Hybrid conference, depending on the COVID-19 situation. We are pleased to invite abstracts for regular oral and Give Me Five Minute presentations. We also welcome IF Members to submit abstracts to provide country updates. *Please note*, all sessions will be recorded and made available for conference attendees. It is assumed that presenters and authors give consent and authorize the recording of their presentation.

#### How are abstracts assessed for inclusion in the scientific program?

- The abstract content should be explicitly linked to Spina Bifida and or Hydrocephalus;
- The abstract content must be received on time and presented in the appropriate format, e.g., it must not exceed the word limit (details below);
- In case research is presented, it must have followed the standards of ethics in research with human beings and/or animals that apply and have obtained the appropriate ethical approvals (if an empirical study);
- Submissions of primary and secondary empirical research must include analyses and a summary of findings. It is not sufficient to state “the data will be analysed” or “findings will be presented/discussed”, unless it is an abstract for a “work in progress” presentation;
- English language and grammar should be satisfactory, spelling should be consistent.

**Submissions of good quality meeting the above criteria will be accepted for inclusion in the scientific program.**

The most common reasons for rejecting abstracts are:

- Incomplete or insufficient empirical evidence reported in the abstract;
- The research is not directly relevant to Spina Bifida and or Hydrocephalus;
- The guidelines on abstract submission were not adhered to;
- The abstract arrived after the deadline for submission;
- The number of presentations allowed for the presenting author was exceeded.

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

Advocacy - Education - Employment - Mental health - Psychological health - Sexuality - Lived Experiences - Urology - Neurosurgery - Pediatrics - Orthopedics - System Biology - Law/ Ethics - Transition - Ageing - Youth - Rehabilitation - Prevention - Nutrition - Stigma - Other...

## ABSTRACT GUIDELINE

**Choose the type of your presentation:** [Regular Oral / Give Me Five Minutes / Country Update]

**Abstract topic (choose from the list of topics):** [Write your answer]

**Title:** 15 words or fewer (use upper-case letters only for the first word and names).

**Author(s) details** (name and affiliation): First name(s) followed by surname(s); E-mail; Institution of affiliation, Country. Authors should be no more than 10. The first author is the presenting author.

*The **body of the text** should be **no longer than 250 words** and include:*

**Background:** State the primary objectives of the study, including the main research questions, aims or theory being tested.

**Methods:** **Quantitative studies** should include design, participants (including number of participants), measures and analysis; **qualitative studies** should include design, participants, methods of data collection and analysis, e.g. thematic analysis, discourse analysis, interpretative phenomenological analysis.

**Findings:** Quantitative studies should include a summary of the results (accompanied by important statistical information); qualitative studies should include a description of the main findings such as the themes or categories generated. Note: it is not acceptable to state “findings will be presented” for regular oral – you may choose this however for the Give me 5 minutes format (hence you can share very recent findings you do not have available to analyse when you write your abstract, but will have done so before the conference).

**Discussion:** Conclusions and/or some discussion of the possible contribution to, or implications for, health psychology and other relevant contexts.

Please do not include (a list of) references in the body or at the end of your abstract.

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