

**Call For Abstracts for the 14th World Congress on Public Health**  
**11 – 15 February 2015**  
**Science City, Kolkata (India)**

The Congress Scientific Committee invites abstract submissions for the 14th World Congress on Public Health, being held 11-15 February, 2015 in Kolkata, India. To be considered for presentation at the congress, abstracts must be submitted online for review by **15 May 2014** and should follow strictly the guidelines below.

## 1. Themes and Subthemes

The abstract should have content suitable for submission under one of the Themes and Subthemes listed below.

THEME	Subtheme
<b>1. Defining the role of Public Health in today's global setting</b>	
1.1	Strengthening regional public health associations - role of WFPHA
1.2	Health systems development- priorities for public health
1.3	Effective advocacy for public health
1.4	Public health/population ethics
1.5	Global health and the state of world economy
1.6	Health diplomacy, international treaties and public health
<b>2. Public Health in the Sustainable Development Agenda</b>	
2.1	Achievements of Millennium Development Goals through the Public Health Lens
2.2	Post 2015 global development agenda - contribution of Public Health
2.3	Policy development and advocacy towards post 2015 global development agenda
2.4	Role of Public Health in reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health
2.5	Role of Public Health in HIV/AIDS programs- progress to-date and the way forward
2.6	Role of Public Health in vector borne and neglected tropical diseases
<b>3. Public Health Approaches to address new challenges of sustainable development &amp; healthy environment</b>	
3.1	Environmental disasters, pandemics, zoonoses and health care responses
3.2	Immunisation
3.3	Health care practice and climate change: 'Mitigation and Adaptation'
3.4	Rapid urbanization and health systems
3.5	Nutrition, Food security and Public Health
3.6	Health issues in South East Asia
3.7	Technologies in Public Health - mHealth and eHealth
3.8	Policy development and advocacy towards sustainable development and healthy environment
<b>4. Global Public Health Challenges</b>	
4.1	Public Health Challenges in South East Asia
4.2	Role of Public Health to achieve 'Universal Health Coverage'
4.3	Role of Public Health in sustaining existing 'Universal Health Coverage'
4.4	Policy development and advocacy towards 'Universal Health Coverage'

4.5	Role of PH in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
4.6	Strategic directions and emerging issues on tobacco control
4.7	Strategic directions in minimizing the harm associated with alcohol and other drugs
4.8	Oral health and public health
4.9	Human resources in public health
4.1	PH Education
4.11	Armed conflicts: public health impacts including mental health, its prevention and reconciliation
4.12	Professional Migration
<b>5. Human Rights and Law as tools for sustainable development</b>	
5.1	Health of indigenous and ethnic minorities
5.2	Public Health response to population migration
5.3	Health equity- a global social responsibility and the role of governments
5.4	Public health laws and regulations
5.5	Alternative medicines
<b>6. Other Public Health Issues</b>	
6.1	Other Public health Issues

## Congress Language

The official language of the World Congress is English. Abstracts must be written in English using the submission form on the congress website.

## Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the congress website: [www.14wcph.org](http://www.14wcph.org)

Abstracts sent by email, post or fax or abstracts not in English will not be processed by the congress secretariat and will not be forwarded to the reviewers. Submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail to the presenting author.

A maximum of **two** abstracts total will be accepted from any one presenting author.

## Presenting Author

The presenting author is the one who will personally present the paper at the conference, at either an oral or Poster session. The presenting author need not be the primary author or the one who has made the most contribution to the paper. All communication from the conference will be only with the presenting author. The presenting author's contact details must be listed when submitting the abstract on-line.

The presenting author must be sure of having Internet and email access during the critical periods indicated by the dates below. The Congress Secretariat will communicate with the presenting author through the e-mail address entered in the online submission form. The presenting author should mark the secretariat's email address as "Not a Spam Source" or equivalent in his/her email software.

## Format of Abstract

**Title** – The title of the abstract should be as brief as possible, preferably less than 15 words.

**Body** – the body of the abstract should be a maximum of 300 words (excluding the title) of plain text without any diagrams, charts or footnotes. Abstracts need to be structured as follows, regardless of whether they describe research or programme efforts

- Introduction

- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Concentrate your presentation on what was done, what was achieved and how the results make a difference/add value to public health and/or impacted the public's health. Keep background information such as the description of your organization/institution/country to a minimum.

### Opening and Closing Dates

The abstract submission system will open on **15 January 2014** and close on **15 June 2014** at 6.00 pm Indian Standard Time (GMT+ 5 hrs 30 mins). Submissions will not be accepted after the closing date/time. Abstracts may be edited or deleted/replaced online as often as desired up to the closing date/time.

### Presentation Format

Presentations based on the abstract will be in Oral or Poster format. When submitting an abstract online, presenting authors may request:

- "Oral or Poster as decided by Committee"
- or "Poster only"

The Scientific Committee retains the right to decide whether the abstract is more suited for Oral or Poster presentation.

Authors who have papers accepted for Oral presentations should prepare Microsoft Powerpoint slides. Presenting authors, both Oral and Poster, will receive detailed instruction about congress computing facilities, requirements and appropriate guidelines prior to the congress. Oral presenters are limited to **13 minutes plus 2 minutes** of audience questions & discussion.

### Review and Acceptance of Free papers

At the close of abstract submissions, the abstracts will be distributed to reviewers for assessment and comment. All abstracts will be assessed by at least two reviewers. On the basis of these reviews, the Scientific Program Committee will accept or reject the submissions and allocate accepted papers to an appropriate Free Paper or Poster session. Authors will be notified of the outcome of the review process by **21 September 2014**

### Registration of Presenting Authors

For a presentation based on the abstract to be included in the program, presenting authors must register for the Congress no later than **10 November 2014**. If presenting authors are not registered by that date, the abstract will be deleted from the program and will not be published.

### Substitute Presenters

Presenters who are unable to attend the Congress may nominate a substitute presenter, provided the substitute:

- is a co-author of the paper
- is registered to attend the congress
- will have a total of two or less total presentations (oral+poster) including all those for which he/she will be a substitute presenter.

### Publication Rights

By submitting an abstract, the authors give the right to the Congress to publish the abstract.

### Contact Information

In case of technical difficulties while submitting abstracts, please contact the professional conference organizers at [abstracts.14wcph@kwconferences.com](mailto:abstracts.14wcph@kwconferences.com) with email Subject: Abstracts.

**Important Dates**

<b>15 January, 2014</b>	Abstract submission opens
<b>15 June, 2014</b>	Abstract submission deadline / last day to make modifications to abstracts already submitted
<b>21 September, 2014</b>	Acceptance/ rejection notifications will be sent to submitters
<b>10 November 2014</b>	Successful authors must complete their registration and confirm their willingness to present by paying their registration fee.