



Call for Submissions

Health – exploring complexity (HEC2016) ...

... will be the common theme of the European conference joining the activities of four scientific disciplines:

- Medical Informatics,
- Medical Biometry,
- Epidemiology and
- Health Data Management.

HEC2016 will represent the annual meetings of the European Epidemiological Federation of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA-EEF), of the German Society for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS), of the German Society for Epidemiology (DGEpi) and the principal annual conference of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI), the Medical Informatics Europe (MIE2016) conference. Conference languages are English and German.

We invite you to make submissions for oral or poster contributions, workshops and panel discussions, to be presented at HEC2016. We invite submissions to all of the “classical” topics of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Medical Informatics and Health Data Management (see www.hec2016.eu for details). However, we also specifically welcome submissions on interdisciplinary approaches to managing complexity and big data in health, as well as on our three common core topics

- intersectoral health care (e.g. admission and discharge management, patient safety, smart housing),
- quality and performance indicators of health care (e.g. risk adjustment, pay for performance),
- populations in transition (e.g. demographic change, multimorbidity, migration).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Submission Deadline

The submission system opens on Monday, December 14, 2015. Materials must be received by 11:59 PM Central European Time on Sunday, February 21, 2016. Submissions for workshops and panels will be open until March 27, 2016.

Submission Format

All contributions are to be submitted via the HEC2016 online abstract submission site (hec2016.online-registry.net). Contributions may be submitted as

- either *structured abstract* in English or German, not exceeding 500 words,

- or *structured paper* in English, not exceeding 5 pages following a specific template available at the submission site

(see Abstract Publication/Proceedings for differences).

Contributions may be presented in oral sessions or poster sessions.

We also encourage the submission of workshops and panel discussions.

Submissions for workshops consist of an overview abstract, a brief workshop agenda and three (minimum) to five (maximum) topic specific abstracts.

Submissions for panel discussions consist of an overview abstract and a list containing name, affiliation, a bio sketch (max. 500 characters with empty spaces) and a mission statement (max. 300 characters with empty spaces) for each of the invited experts.

Contribution selection and notification

Contributions will be selected based on the reviews and recommendations from the four discipline-specific scientific program committees. The coordinating scientific program committee reserves the right to reject contributions, or to accept contributions as oral or poster presentations.

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be emailed to the author no later than end of May 2016.

Conference registration

All presenters are expected to register for the conference and to pay the applicable registration fee within two weeks of notification of acceptance, latest June 15, 2016. If timely registration and payment of the presenting author does NOT take place, the contribution will be excluded from the programme. Registration will be available starting from December 14, 2015.

Abstract Publication/Proceedings

If a submission is accepted, German abstracts will be published electronically in a special issue of German Medical Science. English abstracts will be published electronically in a supplement issue of the European Journal of Epidemiology. Full text structured 5 pages papers will be published as proceedings in the IOS Press publication *Stud Health Technol Inform* and indexed in PubMed.

DEFINITIONS

Oral Session

A session consisting of presentations of completed research, completed projects and methodology papers. The abstracts/papers must contain research results or project outcomes.

Workshop

A workshop is to be organized by the submitters to present a set of contributions related to a specific topic aiming on an intense discussion among all workshop participants. Thus, the workshop agenda should reserve at least 50% of the workshop time for plenary discussion, small groups or other forms of interaction. Workshops may include research papers, theory papers, methodology and conceptual papers, but may also consist of a mixture of different types of papers. The submission of interdisciplinary workshops including researchers from varying institutions and research fields is highly encouraged.

Poster Session

A poster session is a visual display of completed or in-progress work. In-progress work is only eligible for poster presentation.

Panel discussion

A formal discussion of three to seven experts related to a specific, highly relevant topic in front of, but also including the audience. The panel is to be organized by the submitters. The submission of interdisciplinary panels including experts from varying institutions and areas of expertise is highly encouraged