

9th Quadrennial European Neuroscience Congress

The North Sea Congress

“A Bright Spot in the Grey Matter”

Held at Blankenberge, Belgium

May 4-7 2011

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Guidelines for authors

In collaboration with the Belgian Association of Neuroscience Nurses, the European Association of Neuroscience Nurses is pleased to announce that the 9th Quadrennial European Neuroscience Congress at Blankenberge in Belgium. The congress will be held in the Floreal Congress Center, Blankenberge, Belgium.

The EANN congress 2011 – North sea Congress – “A Bright Spot in the Grey Matter” will cover all aspects of neuroscience nursing, clinical research, education, professional development and clinical practice, which will be presented in oral sessions, poster sessions and workshops. Multidisciplinary sessions are also planned.

Abstracts are invited which represent the leading edge of research and development within neuroscience nursing and relevant to all areas of clinical nursing of patients with neurological disorders or research on the delivery and organization of services, policy or education or research the dissemination and utilization of research and demonstrate clear implications for nursing and clear impact on patient outcome.

Abstracts are welcomed focusing on research and development projects with wide range of methodological approaches embraced by nursing and with a clear relevance to nursing care of patients with neurological disorders. Equally abstracts which address methodological issues are welcomed.

If your presentation is dependent on the findings of research which is still in progress, you must ensure that the research is completed in time for presentation at the conference or prior to **December 2010**.

Please note that **English** is the language of the conference.

The purpose of the abstract

The purpose of the abstract is twofold. First, to enable the Scientific Committee to make an informed decision on the suitability of the abstract for the conference program. Second, to provide participants attending the conference with written information to support the presentation.

The EANN Scientific Committee is committed to promoting ethical research. It is assumed that in

submitting an abstract, authors have ensured that all relevant ethical standards have been met.

Instructions for authors

For inclusion in the conference program, the Scientific Committee will consider abstracts written in English, that meet the following criteria:

1. The abstract should include a **title page**, which should provide details of the authors and their institutions, including full address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and job title. Please indicate to whom correspondence should be sent. A descriptive title and short title should be provided. The title should be concise and should give a brief indication of what is in the paper.
2. The **abstract should** be a **structured abstract** of up to 500 words, which accurately summarizes the paper content. The following headings should be used: Background and/or rationale; Aims; Methods; Results/findings; Discussion; Relevance for clinical practice, research, policy, management and/or education (depending on the focus of the manuscript); and Conclusions. Where manuscripts are theoretical or debate pieces, a structured abstract should still be used but headings adapted accordingly.
3. The abstract must focus on clinical research and/or developmental project focusing on a clinical topic or a research related issue (for example policy or a methodological issue).
4. The abstract should specify how the paper will contribute to the development of knowledge and practice within neuroscience nursing in various health care settings.
5. Material presented in abstracts must be clearly expressed, concise and coherent and the focus of the abstract clearly stated.
6. Mode of presentation: The author must make explicit the type of presentation she/he intends to give, namely: Oral presentation, Workshop or Poster presentation. Please note that only in exceptional circumstances will authors be offered the opportunity to present their work in a format they have not indicated.
7. Abstracts of empirical studies must outline the research process and the focus of the analysis must be provided with an indication of the results.
8. Sample size and sampling method used must be supplied where appropriate.
9. The word limit must be adhered to which for an abstract is 500 words maximum with the exception of a workshop which are 1000 words.
10. The abstract itself should not contain any information about the presenter/s, as all concurrent and poster presentations are reviewed blind.
11. Workshop abstracts must be accompanied by a CV demonstrating the authors' competence to deliver.

Presentations can be:

Oral presentation For oral presentation of papers, each presenter is allocated a maximum of 20 minutes for presentation followed by 10 minutes for discussion.

Workshop with/without a panel discussion (90 minutes – introduce the topic and facilitate a small group discussion; groups will be restricted to about 20/25 people)

Workshops are interactive sessions of one or one and a half hours duration where the leader works with delegates to develop their knowledge and understanding within a specific field. A workshop is presented by an expert within the field and may be pitched at a novice, intermediate or advanced level. Authors wishing to lead a workshop must submit an abstract, make explicit the focus of the workshop and the nature of delegate participation. They must indicate the level at which the workshop will be pitched and to include a curriculum vitae (1000 words maximum) which demonstrates their competence to deliver their proposed workshop.

Poster presentation

Poster presentations are visual displays of material to be presented and are exhibited throughout the duration of the conference. They therefore have the potential to reach a wide audience.

Poster presentations constitute an inter-active medium and are best suited to the presentation of factual data (e.g. project design or findings).

The maximum size of the poster (photographs/art work and brief supporting written explanation) is limited to 1.2 m x 1.2 m. The presenter is responsible for setting up and removing their poster. During the breaks presenters must remain in front of the poster to give references for the approaching delegates. In addition, up to three references are normally cited and these must be provided using the Vancouver referencing system.

The author must identify under which of the following conference topics the abstract applies:

- 1) Neurological disorders
- 2) Neurosurgical
- 3) Stroke
- 4) Neuromuscular disorders
- 5) Neuro-oncology (brain tumors, cerebral neoplasm)
- 6) Intensive care neuroscience nursing
- 7) Rehabilitation nursing
- 8) Organisation of care
- 9) Other

Personal details

The author must provide full details of who will be presenting the paper, as well as co-authors. Please note that the Scientific Panel does not see this information when abstracts are reviewed. A professional biography should also be provided which will assist those successful applicants in being introduced by the Chair of their session.

Please note that to be eligible to present, presenters of ALL types of presentations must register for the conference. The conference committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses.

To submit an abstract

The preferred method of submission is via the EANN-website: www.eann.net

Call for abstracts will be open from Tuesday 15 September 2009.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts: Saturday 15 September 2010, 24.00.

Please direct any enquiries about the conference, including submissions, to the following e-mail address: info@eann.net

Notifications to authors

All participants will be notified of the decision of the Scientific Committee by an e-mail by **15. December 2010**. Successful authors must register for the conference as detailed above.

Certificates of attendance

The European Association of Neuroscience Nursing believes in lifelong learning and actively promotes continuing professional development for all nurses. Certificates of attendance will be issued to all participants.

Programme

The conference will include leading edge plenary presentations from speakers with an international standing, workshops led by experts in their field, symposia, poster presentations and concurrent paper sessions.

When preparing your submission, you must consider that responses will be required for all the following points:

1. Title (Prof/Dr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other)
2. Name
3. Job title
4. Qualifications (professional/academic)

5. Department
6. Employer
7. Town of work
8. Mailing address
9. Postcode/ZIP
10. Country
11. EANN membership number (if applicable)
12. Day time telephone number
13. Mobile telephone number
14. Fax number
15. Email address
16. Title of paper
17. Maximum of 3 references (using Vancouver referencing system)
18. Type of presentation: Oral Presentation, Workshop, Poster Presentation
19. Abstract (Maximum of 500 words)
20. Your professional biography (Maximum of 100 words)
21. Co presenters details (Maximum of two)
22. First time presenter - yes or no
23. Please provide three key words
24. Source of funding (if applicable)
25. Level of funding (if applicable)
26. If undertaken as part of a formal qualification, indicate level, i.e. BSc, MSc, MPhil, PhD etc.

Abstract Submission

- Please submit abstracts by filling in the submission format on the website: www.eann.net
- Submission will be accepted **from 15 September 2009** and must be received **no later than 15 September 2010: 24:00**.

**Applicants will be notified by an e-mail letter no later than:
15 December 2010 as to whether or not the paper has been accepted.**

Please note

All participants chosen to present papers at the conference must register for the congress to be eligible to present their paper at a normal congress fee and no registration, travel or accommodation costs will be reimbursed. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program.