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Call for Abstracts

Building Our Healthcare System around People and their Needs

ACHSE 2009 National Congress
In partnership with Centre for Health Assets Australasia
Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort & Spa 4-7 August 2009

Abstracts are now invited for papers and posters for the **ACHSE 2009 National Congress (in partnership with the Centre for Health Assets Australasia, FBE, University of New South Wales)**. Successful authors will be offered either a platform (oral) presentation or a poster presentation based on original unpublished work on any of the congress themes and sub themes.

The focus of the scientific program for this congress will fall into the following three sub themes, Building People, Building Services/Systems and Building Infrastructure:

Congress Sub Themes	<i>Examples of potential topics</i>
<p>Building People <i>Best Practice in Professional Development Leadership and Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training and retaining staff • lifelong learning / learning and development • evidence-based decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change management/changing roles • leadership development • values and culture
<p>Building Services/Systems <i>Information Technology and Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-health strategies • shared services • clinical information systems • computerised decision support, • system integration • technology in relation to its impact on care delivery and facility design <p><i>Emerging and new technologies and applications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile and wireless technologies 	<p><i>Health Information and knowledge management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact on delivery of services and health facility design • evidence based design • quality of information resources • empowering the consumer • consumer health resources • population modelling and user analysis <p><i>Performance and Quality Measures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable performance improvement (Lean thinking and process flow mapping) • benchmarking • accreditation • performance indicators and outcome measures
<p>Building Infrastructure <i>Health facility planning trends</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • translating service planning to infrastructure provision • care trends nationally and internationally • multi-disciplinary approaches embracing service delivery, behavioural and infrastructure change to tackle key problems <p><i>Design of health facilities for increasingly diverse populations – multicultural, indigenous, ageing, bariatric</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design for ageing and functional disability • accommodating and managing the use of specialised equipment • culturally appropriate design 	<p><i>Sustainable health facility design</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • healing environments • environmental issues • climate change considerations • social, environmental and economic aspects of healthy design • delivering and embedding innovation in facility solutions • flexible and adaptable facility designs

Abstracts will need to address specifically one of these themes/sub themes to be eligible for review.

Background:

The Australian College of Health Service Executives (ACHSE) is the leadership and learning network for health professionals in management. It has been guiding Health Service professionals for over 60 years and is the largest multidisciplinary professional body representing health and aged care managers in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Its national, annual Congress typically brings together over 400 emerging, middle and senior management health leaders drawn from its diverse membership base to consider health services research and how to improve health services management.

ACHSE has partnered with the Centre for Health Assets Australasia (CHAA), FBE, UNSW to host this year's event. This joint approach will provide a broader program with significant attraction for national and international presenters.

CHAA was established in 2005 to undertake research and development work in the area of health asset and facility management. The partnership arrangement with ACHSE and CHAA will expand its typical health management focus by exploring current and emerging problems in the sustainability, design, financing and research of health facilities.

ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

1. Abstracts should be submitted by **Friday 12 December 2008 (extended from 28 November)**. They will be blind reviewed by two members of the Academic Sub Committee. Acceptances will be notified before **Friday 6 February 2009**.
2. Successful authors will be offered either a platform (oral) presentation or a poster presentation. Authors of accepted abstracts for oral presentation will be given the opportunity to submit a full paper (no more than 5000 words) for double blind review to meet DEST requirements for academic personnel. Successful authors who choose to undertake this additional academic rigour will need to submit papers by no later than **Friday 6 March 2009**

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- The Academic Sub-committee will review all submitted abstracts.
- All abstracts must contain original work.
- The text should be submitted in MS Word format with a **cover page** showing the title of the paper, affiliation and contact details (full address and e-mail) of the corresponding/presenting author (in bold)
- No author information should be included on the following page of the abstract. Further guidelines for the preparation and submission of full papers (optional) will be sent upon their acceptance.
- All presenters will have the opportunity to use data projection (PowerPoint) for their presentation.
- The successful presenter(s) will be allocated 20 minutes to conduct their presentation.
- The successful presenter(s) will be required to register as a delegate for the Congress or the paper may be withdrawn. Appropriately discounted early bird registration rates will apply.
- All abstracts are to be submitted electronically via email or faxed
- Indicate which type of presentation is being proposed – platform (oral) or poster
- Program theme topic to be addressed – for example, *Performance and Quality Measures*
- Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and typed in 12 point Arial font
- Abstracts must be submitted in English
- Abstracts should use the following headings.
 - Background
 - Method
 - Results
 - Conclusions

Important Deadlines

Abstracts should be received by no later than 5 pm on **Friday 12 December 2008 (EXTENDED FROM 28 Nov)**

Selection of abstracts will take place by no later than **Friday 23 January 2009**

Notification of successful abstracts [indicating either poster or platform (oral)] will take place no later than **Friday 6 February 2009**

FURTHER INFORMATION AND FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Should you have any enquiries regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact

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