



Call for Late-breaking Abstracts

For the first time, the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) is pleased to announce a **call for late-breaking abstracts** for the **Issues of Substance (IOS) 2017** conference. To continue IOS's reputation as Canada's premier learning event for the addiction field, CCSA is introducing a call for late-breaking abstracts to feature leading-edge evidence. Late-breaking abstracts must centre on **current or novel findings that have never been published or presented elsewhere** and for which **no preliminary data was available when the general abstract call closed on February 3, 2017**.

Submissions will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. EDT July 31, 2017, until 11:59 p.m. EDT on August 28, 2017, as detailed below.

The IOS 2017 conference will take place in Calgary, Alberta, November 13–15, 2017. IOS is Canada's only national conference to bring together 400–500 addictions workers, healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers and knowledge brokers from across the country. This three-day event provides an unparalleled opportunity to share new research and best practices, and to receive practical training related to addiction prevention, treatment and recovery.

For more information about the conference, please visit www.issuesofsubstance.ca.

Conference Theme

The theme for IOS 2017 is **Addiction Matters**.

Substance use, addiction and problem gambling are serious health concerns in Canada. The cost of problematic substance use alone to our society is estimated to be a staggering \$40 billion per year. Both substance use and gambling disorders can have a negative impact on lives and remove from communities people who would otherwise be capable of caring for their children, working, volunteering or studying. The good news is that addiction to alcohol, drugs and gambling is preventable and treatable, and recovery is an attainable reality for many. These issues must remain high priorities on the public agenda.

Addiction matters. Together we can address it.

We encourage you to submit **late-breaking abstracts** centring on **new or novel findings** in the addiction field that stimulate ideas and discussion, promote learning of knowledge and energize attendees to participate in debate. For this call, we are seeking presentations that address current and topical issues.



Presentation Format

Applicants can [submit one abstract](#) for a late-breaking oral presentation by **August 28, 2017**. Abstracts should be 200 words or less in English or French and outline new or novel findings that have never been published or presented previously and for which no preliminary data was available when the general call for abstracts closed on February 3, 2017. Late-breaking abstracts must follow the format described below. Resubmission of abstracts submitted to the original call will **not** be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact IOS2017-Info@ccsa.ca.

Late-Breaking Oral Presentations

Late-breaking presentations of **10 minutes** allow for a brief overview of the major points or highlights of a particular program or research project. Applicants must include **all** of the following information in the abstract, **using the headings provided**:

- Title
- Background
- Objectives of your research or project
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Presenters will be limited to a maximum of 10 slides at the time of presentation. Only a limited number of late-breaking abstracts will be accepted. Presenters are responsible for the translation of any handouts distributed during their late-breaking presentations.

Submitting a Late-breaking Abstract

Applicants must [submit their late-breaking abstracts](#) electronically by **August 28, 2017**. Applicants can submit **only one** late-breaking abstract as primary author and the primary presenter must be one of the co-authors listed on the abstract. (The submission of a late-breaking abstract is **not** counted in the limit of two abstracts that an author can submit to the general call for abstracts for IOS.) The IOS Program Committee reserves the right to limit the number of late-breaking abstracts accepted for review, has final authority in selecting presenters and will inform applicants by September 30, 2017, as to whether their late-breaking submission has been accepted.

Who Should Submit an Abstract?

Individuals and organizations from disciplines associated with substance use and addiction, public health and gambling are invited to submit a late-breaking abstract presenting new findings that have never been published or presented previously and for which no preliminary data was available when the general call for abstracts closed on February 3, 2017. Late-breaking abstracts should showcase novel initiatives, research, programs or best practices and cannot be resubmissions or data available prior to February 3, 2017. The appropriate disciplines include addiction specialists (e.g., treatment providers, addiction medicine practitioners, clinical staff, counsellors, social workers), allied professionals (e.g., hospital staff, law enforcement personnel, correctional workers, nutritionists, teachers), public health professionals (e.g., public health nurses, health promotion program staff), policy and service planners, program managers, academic researchers, students, residents and private sector professionals.



Required Information

Before going to the [online submission form](#), applicants should be able to provide the following information:

- Language of presentation (English or French);
- Full title, name, organizational affiliation and the email addresses of the presenter and all co-authors; and
- The date the research was conducted.

Evaluation Criteria

The following evaluation criteria will each be given equal weight in the assessment of late-breaking abstracts:

- Strength and appropriateness of evidence or knowledge base for the abstract content;
- Potential to stimulate discussion;
- Significance and potential impact of findings or conclusions on the substance use field; and
- Overall quality and clarity of the abstract.

Upon Acceptance

CCSA will email all communications about an abstract submission to the primary applicant, who is responsible for distributing information to other presenting authors or co-authors. If an applicant accepts an offer to present, but is later unable to attend, he or she must provide to CCSA the name of the alternate speaker who is a co-author on the original abstract or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program.

Please note:

- Presenters will be asked to disclose any real or potential **conflicts of interest** at the beginning of their presentation.
- All presenters of late-breaking abstracts **must register for the conference and pay their registration fee by October 1, 2017.**

Other Information

Audio-Visual Equipment

Session rooms will be fully equipped with computers and data projectors. If additional audio-visual equipment (including flipcharts) is required, the presenter will be responsible for these costs.

Translation Requirements

Presentations can be in English or French. Simultaneous French and English interpretation will be available for all keynote and some oral concurrent sessions.



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