



CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia

2020 National Conference

“Embracing Diversity”

25th & 26th September 2020

(with Pre-conference Workshop Thursday 24th September)

Novotel Sydney Parramatta NSW

Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia invites abstracts from diversional therapists, recreation therapists, recreation activities officers, health professionals, academics, researchers and students. DRTA are seeking papers from a broad range of practice areas that reflect the conference theme “Embracing Diversity”. Papers should share, lead and inform delegates on diversional and recreation therapy interventions which acknowledge and ensure positive health outcomes for individuals, groups and client populations.

Guidelines for abstract submission

Authors are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration by the conference committee. Abstracts will be accepted by email until 1st June 2020. Submissions may be accepted after this date with special prior arrangement. As part of the submission process authors are asked to indicate the presentation type they are interested in:

- **Paper** - traditional oral presentation, 45 minutes
- **E-Poster** - visual display as a 2-page PowerPoint – to be displayed on screen in rotation.
- **Leisure bite** - introduction of a concept or brief DT/RT program 15 minutes
- **Practical session** - oral/interactive presentation, 45minutes

A separate set of guidelines will be provided to those authors whose abstracts are accepted and these will vary depending on the presentation type. NB there may be some changes to presentation types described.

Subthemes

The following subthemes have been defined to assist authors when preparing their abstract:

- ***Optimising Wellness – programming to ensure diversity and wellness in Diversional Therapy/Recreation Therapy Practice.***
- ***Quality Conversations – examples that embrace diversity.***
- ***Understanding Identity – understanding the client/care recipient's needs and how to support and enrich their lives.***

Abstract Format

- The abstract should be a summary of the material that is to be presented at the conference
- **Microsoft Word** format
- Arial 12 pt font, **single spaced** type
- Abstract should be **no longer than 400** words

Title and author details

- Title of paper
- Presentation type
- Indicate the subtheme that best reflects your presentation
- Author's full name and title
- Qualifications or course of study
- Current position and employment details
- Contact details including phone, postal and email address

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to:

DRTA Conference Convenor, c/- diana@diversionaltherapy.org.au by Monday 1st June 2020

Selection and notification

Criteria for selection will include originality, clarity of presentation, relevance and professional interest. The conference committee is keen to ensure that novice, as well as experienced presenters, are included in the conference program.

The conference generally has two streams into which papers are grouped. The program will be arranged to provide both industry specific content as well as exploring issues that affect all professionals. Abstracts will be printed in the conference program and distributed to delegates at the conference.

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged by email – it is your responsibility to ensure your submission has been acknowledged.

All selected authors will be offered a discounted registration fee and are responsible for meeting all costs associated with attending the conference.

Timeline

1st June 2020: Final date for submission of abstracts (extension to this may be given if pre-arranged)

1st July 2020: Notification to authors of accepted abstracts (within 7 days of notification accepted authors confirm their participation)

July 2020: Conference programme confirmed

16th July 2020: Final date for changes to abstracts

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For more information contact Conference Convenor via the DRTA office

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Prizes may be awarded to presenters from the following categories:

- * **Best ePoster**
- * **Best Presenter – Board's choice**
- * **Best first time Presenter**

Apply for DRTA 2020 Award for Excellence (details on website or contact office). Finalists will be presented at conference.

Categories and prizes subject to change at DRTA discretion