



Call for Papers and Posters

*Closing date 1st May 2019

Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia**

2019 National Conference

“Thriving on Change”

September 2019- 2 days of conference (Thursday, Friday)

with Pre-conference Workshop Wednesday prior, 19th September

**Venue TBA,
Gold Coast, Queensland**

*** NB: Diversional & Recreation Therapy Australia (DRTA) is a new trading name of Diversional Therapy Australia to underscore the inclusion of all aspects of diversional therapy and therapeutic recreation in the organisation.*

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 “Thriving on Change”. Papers should lead and inform delegates how diversional and recreation therapy interventions contribute and impact on the wellness of 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 May 2019. 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 activity 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:

- ***Firing our Professional Enthusiasm***
- ***Finding growth in spirituality and mental health***
- ***Cultivating a new path***
- ***Embracing community inclusion***
- ***Leading the change***

Format Required – use this format for your Abstract

- 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 via the DRTA office to:

Conference Convenor, c/- diana@diversionaltherapy.org.au by Monday 1st May 2019

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 distribute 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 May 2019 Final date for submission of abstracts (extension to this may be given if pre-arranged)

1st July 2019 Notification to authors of accepted abstracts

Within 7 days of notification accepted authors confirm their participation

July 2019 conference programme confirmed

16th July 2019 Final date for changes to abstracts

September 2019 DRTA National Conference (Workshop previous day)

For more information contact Conference Convenor via the DRTA office

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www.diversionaltherapy.org.au

Enquiries T: 1300 113 395 or T: 02 9887 5035

Prizes may be awarded to presenters from among the following categories:

***Best ePoster**

***Best Presenter – Board's pick**

***Best First time Presenter**

*** Apply for DRTA 2019 Award for Excellence (details on website or contact office)**

Categories and prizes subject to change at DRTA discretion

The DRTA Award for Excellence Finalists will also be presented at conference.