



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **Diversionsal & Recreation Therapy Australia 2021 Virtual National Conference “Human Rights in Life and Leisure” 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Diversionsal & 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 “Human Rights in Life and Leisure”. 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 15th June 2021. Submissions may be accepted after this date with special prior arrangement. As this will be a virtual conference, we are only able to accept traditional papers and leisure bites. As part of the submission process authors are asked to indicate the presentation type they are interested in:

- **Paper** - traditional oral presentation, 45 minutes
- **Leisure bite** - introduction of a concept or brief DT/RT program 15 minutes

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:

- *Empowerment Through Choice*
- *Embracing Technology in Practice*
- *Creative approaches to Theory and Practice*

#### **Abstract Format**

- The abstract should be a summary of the material that is to be presented at the conference
- **Microsoft Word** format
- Arial 12pt 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](mailto:diana@diversionaltherapy.org.au) by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## **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 will be held over 2 half days online, using the Zoom Webinar format. 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 prior to 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**

**15th June 2021:** Final date for submission of abstracts (extension to this may be given if pre-arranged)

**15th July 2021:** Notification to authors of accepted abstracts (within 7 days of notification accepted authors confirm their participation)

**31st July 2021:** Final date for changes to abstracts

**Aug 2021:** Conference programme confirmed

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**For more information contact Conference Convenor via the DRTA office**

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