



**CUTTING EDGE
RESEARCH IN
HOMEOPATHY**

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Cutting Edge Research in Homeopathy

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Call for Abstracts

The Homeopathy Research Institute (HRI) invites researchers from around the world to submit abstracts for presentation at our 2019 conference in London, UK. The conference will feature a wide range of exciting talks, discussions and networking opportunities with experts, researchers, and up-and-coming leaders in the field. This is an opportunity to share your research with international colleagues. Researchers at all career stages are encouraged to submit abstracts for poster and oral presentations.

Guidelines for submission

The submission deadline is Monday 10 December, 2018 at midnight (GMT).

This is a firm deadline which will not be extended. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

All submissions must be made via the online submissions system, available from September 2018 at www.HRILondon2019.org.

If you are unable to submit using the online form, please make us aware and we can discuss an alternative method of submission. There is no fee for submitting.

Abstracts may not be withdrawn or amended once submitted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please note that submitting an abstract does not act as registration for the conference.

If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact abstracts@hri-research.org

Content of abstracts

All abstracts must be directly related to homeopathy **research** and address a clearly defined scientific question. Abstracts describing clinical experience, case studies or practice advice will not be accepted unless such data are presented in the context of a research question/hypothesis and explored using a recognised and appropriate research methodology.

All abstracts must clearly fit the theme of 'Cutting Edge Research' i.e. with an emphasis on the latest developments across the various sub-fields of homeopathy research. We therefore encourage submission of recently published, or as yet unpublished findings.

Suitable topics of homeopathy research include (but are not limited to):

- Clinical research (quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods)
- Disease prevention
- Fundamental research
- Health services research
- In vitro animal and plant-based research
- Pathogenetic trials/provings
- Research methodology
- Veterinary research

If you are unsure whether your topic is suitable, please email us and we will be happy to advise you.

Preparing your abstract

All abstracts must be written in concise academic English so that reviewers are able to focus solely on the scientific merits of the submission. We recommend that non-English-speaking authors have their abstracts checked for grammar and spelling by a native speaker prior to submission.

Abstracts must be less than 300 words with no references, tables or figures. Text may be continuous or in multiple paragraphs, with or without sub-headings.

Please use only standard abbreviations. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word/s appear the first time. Do not use bold type or underline formatting. Italics are acceptable.

Before you begin the submission process, please ensure you have prepared the following:

1. Presenting author's and co-authors' details:

- a) Full first and family name(s)
- b) Affiliation details: department, institution/hospital, city, state (if relevant), country, email address

2. Abstract title – 25 words max., clearly indicating the nature of the work presented in the abstract

3. Abstract text – 300 words max. and should include:

- a) Background and aims
- b) Methods
- c) Results
- d) Conclusions
- e) Key words (5 words max.).

Submitting authors are responsible for ensuring that all co-authors give their consent to be named and that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract.

By submitting an abstract, the author is automatically giving their consent for their abstract to be included in the printed conference programme and to be published in the conference proceedings in the journal *Homeopathy*. Included abstracts will be typeset from the text submitted **without copy editing changes**. It is the responsibility of the author to proofread the abstract carefully before final submission, including the author list.

Peer review

All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed with particular attention given to the **scientific quality and importance** of the work to the field of homeopathy research. The peer review process will be guided by HRI's Scientific Advisory Committee.

All abstracts will also be reviewed for **ethical content** to ensure that research complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures on human participants noted in the Declaration of Helsinki and in accordance with EU standards for **animal use in research**, as described [here](#).

If an abstract describes work involving animals for research purposes and patient consent/data the HRI team may contact the submitting author for further details before a final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of the abstract can be made. Please ensure all contact email addresses are entered correctly at the time of submission: HRI is not responsible for failed delivery to an incorrect email address.

Presentation

Acceptance of an abstract for presentation at the conference will be based on the results of peer review, available space and overall programme balance.

Oral presentations may be 15 minutes, 20 minutes or 45 minutes long depending on the final programme.

It is assumed that the presenting author will have adequate command of English to present and respond to questions. If that is not the case, authors should indicate Poster as their preference or make their own arrangements for a presenter to speak or translate for them.

Posters will be available to view throughout the conference with a designated Poster Session on Friday 14 June. Authors will be expected to stand by their poster for 1 hour, to be available to answer questions. Authors can present a maximum of two posters.

Results

Results of the abstract review process will be announced by mid-February 2019.

All abstract authors will be notified of the results of their submission directly by email. Submission of an accurate email address is therefore critical.

If the abstract is accepted, the email will specify whether it will be for oral or poster presentation.

If you have not received a results notification email by **15th February 2019** please check your spam/junk folder. If you still have not received a notification, please contact us by email: abstracts@hri-research.org

Conference Bookings

All successful oral and poster presenters must confirm their participation in the conference by registering before 1st March 2019. Failure to register by this date will mean cancellation of your invitation to present and your slot will be offered to authors on the waiting list.

Authors selected to make an **oral presentation will receive a 10% discount on their conference fee.**

As places for the conference are limited, we recommend that you book your place at the earliest opportunity rather than waiting for abstract results (see www.HRILondon2019.org). If you are selected to make an oral presentation at a later date, the reduction will be applied retrospectively as a refund.

Financial assistance

HRI will open the call for submissions to the HRI London 2019 Education Grant in March 2019. These grants are only available to UK residents who are attending HRI London 2019 (see www.HRILondon2019.org).

