



**Fifth World Congress on Positive Psychology
July 13-16, 2017
Abstract Submission Guidelines**

Regardless of Submission Category, prospective presenters will need to indicate the General and Substantive Categories that best represent their proposed contribution.

The 3 General Categories are:

- Theory / Basic Research
- Applied Research
- Practice

The 12 Substance Categories are:

- Biological Aspects
- Clinical Populations
- Coaching & Practice
- Culture & Global Issues
- Education
- Emotions
- Health
- Lifespan Development
- Measures & Methods
- Strengths & Virtues
- Wellbeing
- Work & Organizations
- Other

1. Conversation Hour:

Conversation Hours are a 60-minute, relatively informal round table event intended to stimulate discussion on a specific topic. Conversation Hours should include several presenters with different points of view (e.g., mini-debate or panel) plus a moderator with an established reputation in the area who will be responsible for directing the conversation and for keeping the session on schedule. Suitable topics for Conversation Hours might include intellectual topics, such as a specific theory, research method or tool, a basic or applied research question, or new directions for positive psychology. Conversation Hours may also be proposed to focus on specific professional issues, such as finding jobs in industry, launching a private practice, or addressing criticisms of the field. Conversation Hours may be supplemented with handouts (if desired), but should not involve any audiovisuals (e.g., PowerPoint, videos) as A-V equipment will not be available. Submissions for Conversation Hours should include (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (2) a separate abstract, (3) a brief summary of the presenter's education and work experience, and (4) an indication of General and Substantive categories (see above) to assist the Program Committee in choosing appropriate reviewers and an appropriately diverse set of topics. In addition, all prospective Conversation Hour presenters must upload a current CV or resume.

2. 5-Minute Individual Podium Presentation:

Submissions for 5-minute Individual Podium Presentations should include (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (2) a separate abstract, (3) a brief summary of the presenter's education and work experience, and (4) an indication of General and Substantive categories (see above) to assist the Program Committee in choosing appropriate reviewers and an appropriately diverse set of topics. The Committee will also endeavor to group the Individual Podium Presentations together into themed symposia. All presentation sessions will be moderated and time limits will be strictly enforced. Especially meritorious presentations will be recognized with Awards and presenters will be invited to give their talk a second time, on the big stage, on the final day of the Congress. Submissions presenting empirical research should be formatted to include the following elements: Background, Methods (including sample size), Results (including statistics), and Conclusions. As for Symposia, acceptance rates for Individual Podium Presentations are anticipated to be low. As such, prospective presenters should also indicate whether they are open to presenting their work as either a poster (see below), or a Round Table Presentation (see below).

3. Late-Breaking Science

The Scientific Program Committee recognizes that researchers may be undertaking important research projects for which results are not yet available. For such situations, a limited number of 5-Minute Podium Presentations will be reserved for Late-Breaking Science. To be considered for one of these sessions, please follow the submission instructions for a Podium Presentation, but instead of "Results" and "Conclusions" include "Anticipated Results" and "Potential Contributions." Presentations will be selected based on the merits of the methodological approach and potential contributions.

4. Poster Submission:

Poster submissions should include (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (2) a separate word abstract, (3) a brief summary of the presenter's education and work experience, and (4) an indication of General and Substantive categories (see above) to assist the Program Committee in choosing appropriate reviewers and an appropriately diverse set of topics. Abstracts presenting empirical research should be formatted to include the following elements: Background, Methods (including sample size), Results (including statistics), and Conclusions. Accepted Poster presenters will be required to prepare and present a 4' x 8' poster for public display and to attend their assigned Poster session to represent their work.

5. Round Table Presentation:

A new submission category introduced for the 2017 World Congress is the Round Table Presentation. This presentation format is an alternative to Poster presentations intended to allow presenters to share and discuss their work with others who have conducted similar work, absent the requirement to prepare a poster. Round Table Presentation submissions should include (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (2) a separate abstract, (3) a brief summary of the presenter's education and work experience, and (4) an indication of General and Substantive categories (see above) to assist the Program Committee in choosing appropriate reviewers and an appropriately diverse set of topics. Substantive categories will also be used to create themes per table. Abstracts presenting empirical research should be formatted to include the following elements: Background, Methods (including sample size), Results (including statistics), and Conclusions. Accepted Round Table Presenters are required to prepare and bring 20+ copies of their Abstract on a single, 8½ x 11-inch page for distribution at their designated theme-based table (in a room with multiple round tables). IPPA is unable to make copies for presenters. Presenters should not prepare PowerPoint slides as A-V equipment will not be available. Round Table presenters are also required to attend their assigned session to represent and discuss their work with other presenters and interested attendees.

6. 1-Hour Symposia:

Symposia are 60-minute presentations by 3-4 individuals who address a common theme or topic in positive psychology. A minimum of 15 minutes should be reserved for questions from the audience and dialogue among presenters. Proposals that include participants from more than one nation will be given preference. Symposium submissions should include (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (2) a separate overarching abstract, and (3) an indication of the General and Substantive categories (see above) to assist the Program Committee in choosing appropriate reviewers and an appropriately diverse set of topics. Each symposia participant will also be asked to provide (a) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (b) a separate abstract, and (c) a brief summary of each presenter's education and work experience. As for past Congresses, acceptance rates for Symposia are anticipated to be low. As such, prospective individual presenters should also indicate (d) whether they are open to presenting their work either as a poster (see above), or a Round Table Presentation (see above). The Program Committee also reserves the right to consider especially meritorious individual presentations within rejected symposia as 5-minute Individual Podium Presentations (see above).

7. Workshop:

Workshops are 60-minute, small-group interactive and experiential sessions that focus on either a specific positive psychology intervention or assessment or a specific research method or tool. Workshop submissions should include (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words, (2) a separate abstract, (3) a brief summary of the presenter's education and work experience, and (4) an indication of General and Substantive categories (see above) to assist the Program Committee in choosing appropriate reviewers and an appropriately diverse set of topics. Workshop proposals in the categories of applied research or practice (i.e., that do not report original research or present research methods or tools) should also include (5) an additional 200-word explanation of how the workshop is based on specific empirical research in the field. Other mandatory descriptions for all Workshop proposals include (6) the intended audience or participants (e.g., scientists, practitioners, students, coaches, human resources specialists, organizational leaders, etc.); (7) an outline of the material to be covered, with experiential activities clearly designated; (8) a minimum of 3 Learning Objectives for the session (based on Bloom's Taxonomy); and (9) examples of exercises and/or skills that you will teach to people that attend. In addition, all prospective Workshop presenters must upload a current CV or resume with similar workshop experiences highlighted.