



Call for Submissions

The Organising Committee is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions for the 3rd Annual Australasian Simulation Congress (ASC), hosted by Simulation Australasia (SimAust), the national body for those working in simulation throughout Australasia.

The ASC will once again bring together the SimHealth, SimTecT and Serious Games streams, along with great opportunities for a number of joint sessions of mutual interest.

The 2019 Australasian Simulation Congress will explore the theme of **Balance and Disruption**.

There is a constant stream of commentary in news and other media regarding the increasing rate of advancement in technology, and the consequential impact on all our lives. Automation and artificial intelligence taking over all our jobs, loss of privacy, and concerns about cyber security for the ever increasing number of connected devices represent just a few of these technology related themes. ASC2019 represents an opportunity to consider how simulation will help to achieve a balance between the conflicting priorities today's needs versus preparing for the disruption of the future. We also need to balance the lure of new technologies applicable to simulation with ensuring that technology is being applied in a considered way, and is leading to results that are valid, whether they be for teaching and training, decision making or other domains.

Please join us at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in September 2019, contribute to the debate, and thus the learning and growth of the simulation community within Australasia and across the world!

In 2019, we are also doing something a little different to distinguish papers and in-conference workshops. For us, papers of studies and new ideas reflect *what* people are doing in the world right now, whereas workshops represent an added opportunity to learn *how* to do something. With that in mind, we are also applying this distinction to our invitation for submissions, and in particular, looking to curate in-conference workshop proposals along specific themes.

For research papers, contributions are invited that advance the theory or practice of any aspect of the following topics:

- Educational Developments (curriculum and techniques)
- Technology and Technical Innovation
- Modelling and Decision Support Systems
- Certification/Accreditation, Policy and Quality Initiatives
- Human Dimensions in Simulation
- Engineering and Industrial Applications
- Creative and Cultural Applications
- Economic, Environmental and Resource Applications
- Innovations and Emerging Trends
- Serious Games & Gaming Concepts

For in-conference workshops, contributions are invited that will engage your audience to learn how to do:

- Moulage
- Tech – manikins
- Tech – AV
- Social media (incl. podcasts)
- Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality
- In-Situ simulation – challenges and solutions, ensuring staff and patient safety (psychological and physical)
- Simulated patients and hybrid techniques
- Safety containers – creating a safe learning environment
- Simulation design life-cycle
- Write winning grants & research to get funded and published
- Early career research/mentoring
- Systems engineering & simulation and Verification, Validation and Accreditation
- Story telling
- Gamification (levels, scores)
- Game development, including skill-sets associated with a game development team and understanding what makes a good/successful game?
- Cloud Based Simulation / Simulation as a Service
- M&S Environments for Agile Development and Rapid Prototyping
- Reuse of M&S Assets (Repositories, Metadata, Composability, Transformation)
- Transforming Legacy Systems/Software

Submissions

Delegates are invited to make submissions online via the [Abstract Submission Portal](#), available on the ASC website - www.simulationcongress.com/submissions - for inclusion in the program. Guidelines for submission are available on the website now.

Submissions are invited for the following presentation formats:

- Plenary Presentation - 30 minute presentation (limited places)
- Long Oral - 15 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A
- Short Oral - 7-10 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A
- In-Conference Workshop - 90 minute interactive session

Submission Process

All submissions must be made through the [Abstract Submission Portal](#) from December 2018.

Initial submissions will be in abstract form comprising a summary of your presentation in no more than 400 words. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for acceptance at the ASC based on the quality of the story you tell. Scientific research should be presented as such. Innovation and creative activities need to tell a compelling story about what, why, who and how. Some sessions will be set aside for 'fringe' sessions or other non-traditional activities. Please note that for 2019, there is no requirement to submit a formal paper to be considered for inclusion into the presentation program, but strongly encourage you to do so. We will be partnering with an academic publisher to produce a special volume (to be confirmed pending number of submissions).

Submitting authors will be able to nominate a preferred presentation format (final format will be at the discretion of the organising committee). In addition, authors selected to present will have the option to submit a formal full paper submission for additional peer-review.

Key Dates

Online submissions open	- Early December 2018
Deadline for abstract submission	- 1st March 2019
Notification of abstract review	- By 19th April 2019
Formal paper deadline for accepted abstracts	- By 14th June 2019

Eligibility

If the work contained in a submission has been presented previously, authors must disclose this for the committee to confirm eligibility. Material previously published as an article in a peer-reviewed journal may not be submitted.

Awards

The objective of the ASC Research Awards is to reward excellence in Congress submissions. The categories and specific prizes awarded will be announced early in the New Year.

Conflict of Interest

All submissions will include a disclosure of Conflict of Interest statement: all authors must indicate whether they do, or do not, have a financial interest/arrangement or direct affiliation with any corporate entity that has a direct interest in the subject matter of the submission.

Presentation Formats

Accepted abstracts will be invited to present at ASC 2019 in one of the following formats. Authors must attend the Congress to present during the allocated time.

1. Plenary Presentations - 30 minute presentation (limited places)

Authors will be given 30 minutes to present the content of their submission during a chaired session. These presentations may also include a panel discussion. These submissions are expected to be of extremely high quality and would attract a wide audience.

2. Long Oral Presentations - 15 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A

Authors will be given 15 minutes to present the content of their submission, and 5 minutes for discussion during a chaired session. These presentations are generally for completed research or larger innovations.

3. Short Oral Presentations - 7-10 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A

Authors will be given 7-10 minutes to present the content of their submission, and 5 minutes for discussion during a chaired session.

4. In-Conference Workshops - 90-minute interactive session

Interactive sessions where participants engage in hands-on learning to develop new knowledge and skills. Workshop proposals must address the following:

- Clearly stated learning outcomes
- Description of strategies and activities to engage participants in achieving the desired outcomes
- Plan for determining if the desired outcomes were achieved

Registration

Authors acknowledge that they may be required to present on any day of the Congress. All presenting authors must register and pay for their attendance at the ASC 2019. Note that early bird registration pricing is expected to end in early-mid July 2019.

For more information on the submissions process, or to discuss your submission, please visit the website or contact:

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