Call for Submissions

Australasian Simulation Congress

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The Organising Committee is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions for the 2nd 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 opportunities for a number of joint sessions of mutual interest.

The 2017 Australasian Simulation Congress will explore the theme of **People Energising Innovation.**

At its heart, every application of simulation is ultimately about people – whether it is enabling individuals or teams to achieve peak performance, or solving problems in infrastructure that will improve the lives of millions of people. As a simulation community, we need to ensure we understand the impact of what we do on the people that interact with, or are affected by, our simulations.

We invite you to share how your simulation-based initiatives are impacting on how we operate as a simulation community, and the improved outcomes for the people who make use of your work. We would like to hear of innovations in your work in simulation, using simulation in new and innovative ways, or using new tools, techniques or technologies to extend or improve the impact of simulation.

In addition, this year we also want to be immersed in the work being undertaken focusing on sustainability of simulation-based education and research, certification and accreditation processes and quality initiatives as these will drive our profession moving forward.

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

Join us in Sydney in August 2017 to share, inform, experience and explore simulation in research, education, health, defence, resources and many other sectors.

Submissions

From January 2017, delegates will be invited to make submissions online via 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** (limited places)
  – 30 minute presentation

- **Long Oral Presentation**
  – 15 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A

- **Short Oral Presentation**
  – 7-10 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A

- **Discussion Session**
  – 10 minute presentation + 20 minute discussion

- **In-Conference Workshop**
  – 90 minute interactive session

- **FringeEx**
  – 5 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A

Submission Process

All submissions must be made through the ASC website.

Initial submissions will be in abstract form comprising a summary of your presentation up to 400 words. Abstracts will be (blind) peer-reviewed and selected for acceptance at the ASC based on relevance to the Congress themes and 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' topics or non-traditional activities that do not fit the usual scientific format - these submissions will be judged based on creativity, originality and innovation. Please note that for 2017, there is no requirement to submit a formal paper to be considered for inclusion into the presentation program. This allows a broadening of the scope of presentations on offer without requiring the full academic rigour for all.

Submitting authors are requested to nominate a preferred presentation format. The final format will be at the discretion of the organising committee.

Authors selected to present for Plenary presentations will be required to submit a formal full paper submission, while those selected for Long Oral or Short Oral presentations will also have the option to submit a paper of corresponding length (formal full paper, or a formal extended abstract equivalent to a short paper) for inclusion in the proceedings. An optional printed hard copy poster (for short oral presentations), provided by author, will be on display for the duration of the Congress.

Key Dates

Online submissions open
Late January 2017

Online submissions close
Wednesday 22 March 2017

Notification of abstract review
Late April 2017

Formal paper deadline for accepted abstracts
Friday 30 June 2017

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 are being finalised, and 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.

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Presentation Formats

Accepted abstracts will be invited to present at ASC 2017 in one of the following formats. Authors must attend the Congress to present during the allocated time.

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

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/Poster 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. If submitted, posters will be displayed for the duration of the Congress within the exhibition hall. Posters should include author and co-authors' names, presentation title and the name of the institution where the work was carried out.

4. Discussion Sessions
– 10 minute presentation + 20 minute discussion

Discussion Sessions should be new initiatives, research or program evaluation proposals presented for feedback and discussion. Works in progress and some Fringe activities will also fit into this category. The purpose of these sessions is to generate discussion to refine or further develop the idea, research question, methodology, analysis or interpretation of results. The sessions will be moderated by an established researcher or simulation facilitator. The author will have 10 minutes to present their work with an additional 20 minutes to discuss the project with the audience.

5. 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

6. FringeEx
– 5 minute presentation + 5 minute Q & A

FringeEx presentations aim to provide an opportunity to showcase creative, experimental, edgy and unusual ideas and developments in simulation/gaming, outside of the usual methods of sciences and research in simulation. Presentations are aimed to be less formal than the usual scientific agenda for the Congress.

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 2017. Note that early bird registration pricing is expected to end in early-mid July 2017.

For more information on the submissions process, or to discuss your submission, please visit www.simulationcongress.com/submissions or contact:

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