Call for Presentations
Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association Conference
May 15-17 (Wednesday – Friday), 2019

We invite you to submit a proposal for a presentation at the Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association (AHSRA) Conference at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama May 15-17, 2019. For those who wish to stay for Sabbath, arrangements will be made.

We will have two themes for our Conference:

1. Understanding the Church in its Global Context – many of our members were involved in collecting data for the 2017/8 global church survey and we wish to highlight some of that work.

2. Our Data makes a Difference in the Church and Community – we wish to encourage all of our members to submit their Human-Subject research

Solicitation of Presentations:

Submissions on all areas of human subject research are welcome.

The Theme for the first full day of our conference on May 16 focuses on Understanding the Church in its Global Context

This could include such areas as:

- Understanding the Global Church on its Cultural Context
- Being in Adventist in Secular, Polytheist, Animist, and Christian Hostile Contexts.
- Using Data to Advance Mission and Discipleship: What the Global Survey Tells Us
- What Different Parts of the Church Contribute to the Spirituality of the Whole
- The integration of Theological/Doctrinal Belief and Daily Practice,
Our Theme for the Second day is: *Our Data Makes a Difference in the Church and the Community.* Presentations might include things like:

- Research that changed policy and practice
- Research that made a difference in our communities
- Research that advances the mission of the Church
- Research that advances discipleship.

Presentations will be approximately 15-20 minutes each, including 5 minutes for discussion. This may vary depending on the number of submissions and sessions.

**Submission Review Process:**

A peer review process focusing on the following criterion will guide in the selection of proposals:

- The data presentation adds to the body of knowledge currently available.
- The presentation includes a practical component that participants can readily apply to their own research program.
- The proposal is clearly informed by the current literature.
- The concepts, data, and conclusions in the proposal are clear, understandable and well organized.
- The research advances the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- The research has policy and program implications
- *The review sheet that will be used to evaluate submissions is attached to this announcement.*

Because of the quality of our review process, oral presentations at the AHSRA conference are considered to be fully peer reviewed and should count for full credit in faculty research productivity reports.

**Procedure for Presentation Submissions:**

Please submit your presentation proposal directly to [http://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/ahsra/](http://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/ahsra/). All proposals must be submitted electronically.

For additional 2019 conference information visit [www.ahsra.net](http://www.ahsra.net)

**Indicate if you wish to be considered for an Oral presentation or a Poster presentation.** All Oral submissions that are not accepted for Oral presentations will be considered for a Poster presentation unless otherwise requested. **Poster submissions are sought for both themes.**
Dates for Submission:

Submissions for an Oral presentation must be made by March 22, 2019. Any submission after that date will only be considered for a Poster presentation.

Any submission requesting a Poster presentation must be received by April 8, 2019.

Your proposal must include the following information:

- Name and contact information for the person(s) making this submission.
  - A title and one page (250-500 words not including title and names) summary of the presentation.
  - A 50-word abstract suitable for printing in the final program.
  - A list of references/bibliography, which includes some sources, published within the past 5 years.

Proposal Selection

Proposals will be blind peer reviewed. **Presenters will be notified about the acceptance of their proposals for an oral or poster presentation by April 14, 2019.**

Presenter Registration

Persons who submit proposals for the AHSRA Conference 2019 are expected to agree to the following terms:

*If my presentation proposal is accepted, I agree to the following requirements:*

- Attend the AHSRA Conference 2019 at Oakwood University and present unless a bona fide emergency occurs.
- Register at my/our own expense (including conference, food, lodging, and travel costs) no later than **Friday, April 19, 2019**. If I do not register for the convention by April 20, 2019, my presentation may have to be removed from the conference program.
- Understand that no honorarium will be given for presentations.
- Make my presentation at the time selected by the AHSRA 2019 planning committee.

Visas for International Presenters/Registrants

Each presenter/registrant is responsible for obtaining necessary travel documents. AHSRA is pleased to provide any needed documentation about the conference and a registrant’s involvement in the conference that may be helpful.

Housing

Housing options will be posted on the conference web site.
Costs

As the attached document shows, because of the generous support of the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics and Research and the North American Division as well as others we are able to keep our rates the same as last year.

Moving Toward Publication

We are hoping that our presenters will move from their presentation to a paper submission. We expect to have representatives from the Journal of Research in Christian Education at our conference for researchers to meet with.

Program (Keynote speakers to come) –

If you have any questions, please contact AHSRA at AHSRA@Andrews.edu

We had a great conference at Andrews University in 2018 and we hope you can join us for our next conference May 15-17, 2019 at Oakwood University!

Sincerely,

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