

Information and Criteria for Scientific Sessions and Convention

Dear Colleagues,

We are inviting you to the Roads To Health, TNIMA Association, and partners series of scientific session presentations and convention to be held in the United States of America. Please share the below criteria with those who could join us as presenters and participants. Please note that ALL those who will receive invitation for visa to travel for the convention in the USA must satisfy the topic presentation criteria outlined below. Please note that the process to apply for visa to the USA can take a long time and it is suggested to apply at least two months prior to the conference date.

There will be opportunity for those who cannot travel to the convention sites to present via video conferencing. The main session and TNIMAA convention will be on October 20 - 22, 2017 in Philadelphia/Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. Other scientific sessions will be conducted between September 21- November 26, 2017 (specific dates to be provided) in Atlanta, GA; Cleveland, OH; Indianapolis, IN; Minneapolis/Brooklyn Park, MN; Galloway, NJ; Providence, RI; and Worcester/Boston, MA; and Phoenix, AZ.

Criteria for the paper presentation:

1. Every presenter must present a research topic (concept idea, a study already done, theses/dissertation, or ongoing program activity with potential to provide research//evidence-based impact).
2. Focus areas: Selected topic must fit or align with one of these focus areas: maternal, child, and reproductive health; community health; agriculture with emphases on nutrition and food security; infectious diseases; rural health services; low resources health information system/database development; healthcare financing; health policy; educational programs to increase literacy especially for vulnerable people, girls, and women; and adult literacy programs. However, we suggest that you demonstrate that your target is to improve health services access and utilization with a focus on rural, hard to reach, and vulnerable population.
3. For your selected topic area(s), please read and provide an annotated bibliography (summary) of at least three research articles published in the last five years in addition to any other recent reports (e.g., Ministry of Health, WHO, UNICEF.....). Please note that the three research articles requirement is mandatory. The length of the annotated bibliography should be in range of 150-250 words for each of the articles.
4. No more than 1500 words (excluding title and table of content) of the concept/research paper to include the following, if applicable (WE HAVE MEMBERS AND STAFFS TO HELP YOU IN THIS PROCESS BUT YOU WILL NEED TO DEVELOP YOUR PRELIMINARY REPORT):
 - Title
 - Goal(s)
 - At least three objectives
 - Problem statement
 - Research questions
 - Targeted population/sample
 - Conceptual/theoretical framework (if any but if not, state why)
 - At least three hypotheses (to match with the research questions)
 - Literature review of at least three primary research article sources in the last five years in addition to reports from Ministry of Health, WHO. or other references (use APA, MLA, or Harvard citation format - only one of them). **THE THREE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY CAN BE INCLUDED HERE.**
 - Proposed design/methodology

- Ethical considerations
 - How you will do data collection
 - Analysis plan
 - Who will benefit from your study and social change impact
 - Potential recommendation(s)
5. Your resume/CV of no more than three pages
 6. Deadline for INITIAL paper submission is September 15, 2017. Your draft will help us to guide you.
 7. Letters of invitation for visa application will be issued when the necessary payment and other requirements are met on a rolling basis but the deadline is September 30, 2017.

8. Fees and guarantee deposit:

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- A. Registration – 1) Non-refundable \$50.00 processing; and 2) refundable \$150.00 conference fee if you are denied a visa. Both the non-refundable and refundable fees must be paid to us. If you applied and made payment last year, please contact us for a reduced fee.
- B. Guarantee Deposit. Verifiable bank account or guarantee source (e.g., employer or one of our members...) of USD 2000.00 (DO NOT pay this to us). The guarantee source (s) must provide us with signed assurance.

Deadline for the registration fee requirement is September 30, 2017. Payment will be done through cash, money order, credit card, or direct bank deposit depending on your location.

THE \$200.00 REGISTRATION FEES CAN BE PAID IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- A) GO TO ECOBANK TO DO DIRECT DEPOSIT IN THE ROADS TO HEALTH INC. ECOBANK (ACCOUNT #: 0111034726240901); and
- B) PAY IN PERSON BY CALLING QUINCY KARMO (0777511566 and 0886511566) or KERSON SAYKOR (0886512281 and 0770512281). Written/payment receipt must be provided by Mr. Karmo or Mr. Saykor before completing your registration.

FOR THOSE IN THE USA:

- A. The fee for MEMBERS is \$150.00
- B. Please send your check/money order payable to: **Roads To Health** and in the memo section, write RTH/TNIMAA Conference fee and mail to:
Roads To Health
539 Constitution Court
Galloway, NJ 08205

If you prefer, please do a direct deposit to the Roads To Health checking account # 381038254039 at Bank of America.

Please note that you do not have to be a healthcare worker to be a presenter but must at least have a college/technical school education level. However, your topic must show that your idea or work have a health focus in the areas mentioned. At this point, we want INDIVIDUAL presentation.

Please send all documents and/or inquiries to: info@rthealth.org or for assistance, you can call 0886130113, 0770264872, or 609-233-1876.



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