



2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH IN AFRICA (ICAMMHA) LILONGE, MALAWI, NOVEMBER 21-25, 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to invite you to the 2nd International Conference on Maternal Mental Health in Africa (ICAMMHA) to be held in Lilongwe, Malawi on November 21-25, 2017. ICAMMHA as a new flagship mental health conference focuses on innovation in Maternal Mental Health in Africa with emphasis on research, practice and innovations. The conference features world-class plenary speeches, distinguished Symposium talks, exhibits, oral and poster sessions, and panels. ICAMMHA is comprised of research papers, international position papers and best practice abstracts on responses to the call-for-proposals.

THEME:

“Promoting Maternal Mental Wellness Innovations in Africa”

The focus of this year’s 2nd International Conference on Maternal Mental Health in Africa (ICAMMHA) is to promote and share new innovations in tackling maternal mental health. Papers are invited focusing on the following seven abstract categories for the 2017 ICAMMHA Conference:

Category 1: Infant, child and Adolescent mental health

- 1) Maternal mental health problems and child growth or Child Health
- 2) Pre-term and Infant death
- 3) Maternal mental health on the child's psychological and emotional development.
- 4) perinatal mental health problems on infants
- 5) Mental retardation
- 6) Infants and mother-child attachment
- 7) Bereavement

Category 2: Perinatal mental health problems

1. Psychiatric and psychological morbidity during pregnancy
2. Psychiatric and psychological morbidity in the postpartum
3. Maternal suicide in the perinatal period
4. Psychological distress during the perinatal period
5. Integrating mental health care into maternal health programmes
6. management of postnatal depression
7. Unique mental health care needs.
8. Dementia

Category 3: Mental Health as a Global Concern

- 1) Prevention of maternal mental health illness and combating stigma
- 2) Research on maternal mental health and information systems on mental health
- 3) Maternal mental health TB, HIV and Malaria
- 4) Information on prevention, and management of maternal mental health, HIV, TB and other non-communicable diseases like cancer.
- 5) Depression following child birth
- 6) Prenatal nutrition
- 7) Religion and mental health
- 8) Obstetric fistula condition

Category 4: Innovations in Maternal Mental health Prevention

- 1) Mental Health prevention, screening and diagnosis and disease prevention
- 2) Continuum of reproductive health care , antenatal care
- 3) Families and community at a critical time in the course of a woman's life
- 4) Effective communication about social cultural issues, emotional and psychological support to pregnant women in a respectful way
- 5) Nutritional interventions/ Dietary interventions.
- 6) Maternal and fetal assessments
- 7) Health systems interventions to improve utilisation and quality of antenatal care

Category 5: Families in Maternal Mental Health Care

- 1) Mental Health prevention, screening and diagnosis and disease prevention
- 2) Continuum of reproductive health care , antenatal care
- 3) Families and community at a critical time in the course of a woman's life
- 4) Effective communication about social cultural issues, emotional and psychological support to pregnant women in a respectful way
- 5) Maternal and fetal assessments
- 6) Health systems interventions to improve utilisation and quality of antenatal care
- 7) Families Perinatal Mental health
- 8) Culture, Shame and Motherhood
- 9) Family dysfunctionalities that affect community functionalities
- 10) African Science and mental health

Category 6: Maternal Mental health Science, Treatment and Care

- 1) Prevention and control of crucial upsetting life events and crucial family events/conflicts to promote the well-being of women, men and children.
- 2) Innovation and excellence in managing emotional and psychological distress in perinatal
- 3) Prevention, assessment, screening and treatment of prenatal and postpartum depression and other mood disorders
- 4) Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Gender Based Violence paying more attention to special groups.
- 5) Mental health problems, including the co-morbidities that exist between chronic illness and mental health.
- 6) Maternal mental Health and Disability
- 7) Prevalence, risk factors and consequences to women of maternal mental health problems
- 8) Community-based interventions for improving mental health and psychosocial outcomes

Category 7: Advocacy, rights and Legislative Provisions in Mental Health

- 1) Mental health and Human rights issues the rights of persons with Disabilities
- 2) Mental disorders and psychosocial disabilities and their active involvement in the development and implementation of mental health policies, laws, and services.
- 3) Mental disorders and psychosocial disabilities in the training of health working delivering mental health care
- 4) Community based mental health services
- 5) Advocate for social services eg. Housing, education, employment, social welfare) for inclusion of people with psychosocial disabilities
- 6) Mental health services provision to people living with mental illness.

- 7) The relationship between physical and maternal mental health: Co-Occurring Disorders
- 8) Gender equality, Empowerment and Mental Health
- 9) Training for health professionals

Prospective authors are invited to submit abstracts (Up to 200 words) and upon acceptance, to produce full-length papers (between 8-12 pages on 1.5 spacing, font 12 New times Roman - for technical content and an optional 1-2 pages containing only references). A 15 minutes power point presentation will be given to successful manuscripts during the conference. Accepted full-length papers will be indexed on Cambridge including accepted abstracts. Accepted papers and abstracts will be scheduled in lecture and poster sessions.

Conference Highlights

1. Plenary Talks within the Conference and Distinguished Symposium
Presentations/Talks on the thematic topics
2. Panel discussions on funding opportunities, trends and targeted topics
3. Partners displays and marketing

IMPORTANT DATES

- I. **01 August 2017** : Call for abstract open (Assessment begins and notification)
- II. **15 October 2017**: Call closes
- III. **15 August 2017**: Registration opens
- IV. **15 October 2017**: Final acceptance decisions notifications sent to all authors
- V. **15 November 2017**: Full Camera-ready papers due

Send you abstracts and full length papers to info@icammha.org

REGISTRATION FEES

ICAMMHA 2017 Delegate registration fees (Fees excludes accommodation and transport/airfares)

Registration	Fees
Early Fee	USD 200.00
Late Fee	USD 250.00
On-site	USD 300.00