Please find below important information on the Program Schedule detailing what is in the Congress Program, how is it structured and why, how you should navigate it and plan your congress participation.

Navigating the Program
We recommend that you download the congress schedule overview so that you can envision the scope and content of each day. Then explore the detailed online program. **Please note:** You can view the online program either in GMT or in the time zone that you are currently in – look in the blue panel on the right-hand side of the online system.

Overall Program Structure
You will notice on the Congress schedule that each day is starting and ending at different times. This structure has been informed by the geographic (and hence time zone) location of presenters. The distribution of presenters across time zones is approximately:

- 25% New Zealand, Australia and south-east Asia (time zones GMT+12 to GMT+7)
- 50% India, Europe and Africa (time zones GMT+5.30 to GMT)
- 25% North and Latin America (time zones GMT-3 to GMT-7)

Implications for Congress Session Attendance by Delegates in Different Parts of the World
This means that delegates living in the ‘middle’ time zones will have the opportunity, although possibly not the stamina, to attend most live sessions on all four days of the congress during their normal working hours. Those in North and Latin America will participate in live sessions during their morning to early afternoon, and late afternoon on Monday, while those in New Zealand to south-east Asia will be able to attend live sessions mainly during their afternoon to early evening. **But, every registered delegate will be able to view all E-posters and pre-recorded long oral presentations / detailed PowerPoint slides before and after live sessions and all live session recordings afterwards. So, no one needs to miss out on any part of the scientific program.**

Centerpiece Sessions
There will be a Centerpiece Session (similar to plenaries, but usually with more than one speaker or a panel) on each day. No other live sessions will run in parallel to these Centerpiece Sessions. The opening and closing Centerpiece Sessions have been scheduled at a time that almost everyone can attend live, albeit early for some and late for others. The Tuesday and Wednesday Centerpiece Sessions are scheduled to be more convenient for those in North and Latin America on Tuesday and New Zealand to south-east Asia on Wednesday.
Poster Sessions
There are two 75-minute time slots for poster sessions, again timed to accommodate delegates in different time zones. Posters have been grouped into 9 to 10 concurrent sessions in each of the two time slots, based on the health economics field within which they fall. The number of posters within each session will vary between 12 and 15 per session. Where there were many posters in a particular field (e.g. Economic Evaluation), there are two concurrent sessions for that field in the poster time slots. The sessions will include a brief overview of the posters, which it is advisable to view before the session, and a facilitated discussion of them.

Concurrent Oral Presentation Sessions
There are 22 time slots for oral presentations, each of 60 minutes. Most sessions are categorized according to the field of health economics (e.g. Demand, Supply, Economic Evaluation, Financing and Expenditure). However, some sessions relate to the areas of focus of iHEA Special Interest Groups/SIGs (e.g. obesity, genomics, mental health, health preference research, etc. – see the full list of SIGs here).

We have managed to limit the number of concurrent sessions in each time slot to eight in most cases, and nine in a few time slots. We have attempted to schedule only one session per field in each time slot, but this was not feasible for fields with large numbers of sessions, and have slotted SIG sessions in where a field has fewer sessions than the number of time slots. We have tried our utmost to avoid scheduling sessions on closely related topics at the same time.

Each session will have three to four brief presentations, leaving ample time for discussion. Some Organized Sessions will have discussants. All Contributed Sessions (comprising closely related individual abstracts) will have a moderator who has viewed longer pre-recorded presentations (or far more detailed PowerPoint slides than will be presented live) before the session to facilitate engagement with session participants and between presenters.

Other Aspects of the Program
We also have other events, like mentoring sessions and networking opportunities, and have two of these to accommodate delegates in different time zones. Each iHEA Special Interest Group will have a meeting on Monday, before the Opening Centerpiece session.

Only registered delegates will be able to participate in live sessions and other events like the mentoring sessions, or view E-posters, long form recorded oral presentations and recordings of sessions.