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iHEA News is the official newsletter of the International Health Economics Association.

President’s Message

Support for young researchers planning to submit an abstract for the 2021 Congress

As indicated in the June newsletter, iHEA is planning a program of activities to strengthen health economics research capacity, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The first component of this initiative to be launched will be support for young researchers who would like to submit an abstract for the 2021 Congress. This is intended to promote diversity in congress participants both from a geographic and career stage perspective.

A webinar will be held on September 28 to provide practical advice on writing a successful abstract. The webinar will have simultaneous translation into some languages other than English to reach the widest possible audience. We encourage everyone with limited experience of abstract writing to participate in this webinar.

Early career researchers from LMICs who do not have access to senior collegial support will also be offered an opportunity to submit a draft abstract in late October. Detailed input from experienced health economists will be provided to strengthen their final abstract submissions. For those LMIC researchers who would like to make use of this opportunity, we encourage you to attend the webinar and to use the tips provided to start drafting your abstract in early October.
We value your inputs - please participate in very brief upcoming surveys

We are grateful to the many members who contributed recently to our Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Survey. We recognize that you are probably becoming 'survey weary', but we would like to ensure that our members' views are taken into account when planning our activities.

We will shortly be mailing members with requests to participate in two short surveys - each only have a few questions and would take just a few minutes of your time. These are:

- A survey to get your inputs on key aspects of the virtual 2021 iHEA Congress
- A survey on priorities for teaching and research capacity strengthening in low- and middle-income countries

We appeal to members to participate in these surveys ... we value your inputs.

- Winnie Yip, iHEA President

iHEA Mentoring Program

In September the Professional Development Subcommittee will open up a second year of applications for iHEA's mentoring program. Interested mentors and mentees fill out a short application and are matched. iHEA has developed a highly rated guide to mentoring relationships that participants find useful for setting expectations and then meeting digitally, over the course of a year.

In 2019 - 2020 iHEA matched 55 mentor mentee pairs from around the world and has been working to improve the experience for the coming year.
Here are some quotes from past participants:

- “Hope everyone has a mentor pairing as fantastic as I do.”
- “Helpful in solving doubts regarding the expectations/steps in my career.”
- “Stellar - I’m lucky to be paired with a great mentor, who has been incredibly helpful, provided opportunities to present, network, etc. He has really gone above and beyond.”
- “My Mentee is doing amazing work and I feel good about the direction they are going.”

Mentoring can make a big difference to enhance the careers of both mentors and mentees. An email invitation to participate will go out in Mid-September.

**Congress News**

iHEA is currently seeking expressions of interest from experts in Health Economics to serve on the Review Panel of the Scientific Committee for the [2021 iHEA Congress](https://www.healtheconomics.org).

We are looking for abstract reviewers with research expertise covering the full spectrum of fields within health economics. These broad fields are:

1. Health beyond health care services: non-medical production of health and the value of health
2. Demand and utilization of health services
3. Supply of health services
4. Health care financing and expenditures
5. Economic evaluation of health and care interventions
6. Evaluation of policy, programs and health system performance
7. Specific populations
8. Cross-cutting themes and other issues

Full details of the sub-fields within each of these fields can be found [here](https://www.healtheconomics.org). Those expressing an interest in serving on the Review Panel will be requested to identify several **sub-fields** in which they have expertise, so you are encouraged to review the list of sub-fields before completing the application form.

While some of the members from the previous Scientific Committee will be returning for the 2021 congress, the plan is to have a mixture of members with varying tenures to ensure continuity in the operations of the Scientific Committee while providing opportunities for all members to participate and contribute to the success of the iHEA Congresses. Review Panel members will normally serve for three consecutive Congresses.

iHEA would like to especially encourage mid-career researchers to self-nominate for the Scientific Committee Review Panel. Final decisions on membership of the panel will need to accommodate gender and geographic diversity as well as providing adequate coverage of the...
broad fields and sub-fields. Expressions of interest should be submitted online here. Please note: If you served on the Scientific Committee for the 2019 congress, you should not complete this form; you will be contacted directly to find out if you are willing to continue serving on the Review Panel.

Nominations for the **Review Panel** close on **12 October 2020**.

# Webinars

## Successful Abstract Writing - Tips for the iHEA Congress

*Monday, September 28, 2020 | 8:00 AM ET*

**Speakers:** Joanna Coast, University of Bristol and Chair of the iHEA Scientific Committee; Manoj Mohanan, Duke University

This webinar will be presented with simultaneous translation from English to French, made possible by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Hosted by the iHEA LMIC Capacity Strengthening Initiative.**

The call for abstracts for the 2021 iHEA Congress will be released shortly and we hope that many health economists around the world will submit abstracts for presentation at the congress.

This webinar will briefly outline the process for abstract submission and review for the iHEA Congress, but the main focus will be on writing an abstract that gives you the best chance of acceptance for an oral or poster presentation at the 2021 Congress. We will take you through the process of choosing your topic and writing each section of the
abstract, providing detailed suggestions and examples throughout. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

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Empirical examples of equity-informative economic evaluation in LMICs

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 10:00 AM ET

Speakers: Dr. Frida Ngalesoni; Asst. Prof. Akshar Saxena

Hosted by the Equity informative economic evaluation SIG

After introducing some principles and methods in our first webinar we will now move on to look at some empirical applications.

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