

Call for Papers, Posters and Workshops

20th International Balint Congress

Oxford, UK, 6th to 10th September 2017

On behalf of the UK Balint Society and the International Balint Federation (IBF), the Scientific Committee would like to invite you to submit Papers, Posters and Workshop proposals on the theme:

Balint Theory and Practice: Exploring Diversity



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This is an opportunity for international colleagues to consider the benefits and challenges brought to Balint groups by having patients, members and leaders from diverse cultural, professional and personal backgrounds.

Diversity is all around us, but talking about it can be difficult. We think that an IBF Congress is just the setting to do it. Here are a few examples of questions that the Congress might address, but there will be many more:

- As more countries and professions join the Balint movement has underlying theory been adapted and with what effect?
- What are the challenges in a group when the social or cultural identities of the patient, presenter, participants or leaders are relevant to the case?
- How may different professional cultures affect the work of multidisciplinary groups?

We look forward to reading your ideas through submission of Papers, Posters and Interactive Workshop proposals.

Guidance for contributors

1. Papers for oral presentation:

- Please note that the time allowed for presenting a paper is a **maximum of 20 minutes**, followed by 10 minutes discussion with the audience.
- The recommended maximum length for papers is 2500 words.
- Please attach an abstract of about 150 words.
- Abstracts alone are not accepted: only full texts will be considered.

2. Posters:

- The standard biggest size is 90x120 cm (3x4 feet).
- Abstracts of Posters should be submitted. They should be about 150 words.
- Successful contributors will be expected to print their posters and bring them to the Congress.

3. Workshops: 90 minute session for about 25 participants

Workshops are a new addition to the Congress programme and offer the opportunity to explore the theme of diversity in Balint work in greater depth. We are looking for proposals with an experiential, participatory format.

- Please submit a description of your workshop in a maximum of 500 words.
- We suggest that you keep any talks included to about 10 minutes.
- Please include a plan of how the time will be distributed and describe how participants will be involved during the session.

General guidance

- You are encouraged to include a brief statement describing how the contents relate to the theme of the conference.
- Please indicate in the title whether the submission is for a **Paper, Poster or Workshop presentation**.
- Presenters and workshop facilitators should be members of a national Balint Society or direct individual members of the IBF.
- Submissions should be in English, using Times New Roman, size 12, with single line spacing.
- The title of the presentation should be written in capital letters, and the name(s) of the presenting author(s) should be underlined.
- The identification of the authors should include: First name, last name, degree, institution, department, city, country, email address.

Please send submissions by email, in Word (.doc) or (.rtf) format by 15th January 2017 to: Paul Sackin paulsackin@waitrose.com

You will receive an email acknowledgement of the receipt of your submission within two weeks after it is sent. You will be notified of the status of your submission as soon as the Scientific Committee has finished its evaluation. Authors and presenters whose work is accepted are asked to register for the Congress no later than 30th April 2017 in order to allow time for the publication of the Congress proceedings.