



International Society of Travel Medicine

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CALL FOR CISTM PROPOSALS
ISTM International Conference on Migration
Rome, Italy
1-3 October 2018

The International Society of Travel Medicine has focused on the care of travelling and mobile populations for more than 25 years. International migration is a global phenomenon that is growing in scope, complexity and impact. Increasing migration with large forced movements of vulnerable populations provides both the need and an opportunity to have a dialogue on the health issues experienced by all categories of migrants and the responsiveness of receiving health care systems. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an international forum to discuss migration health issues that will cover the wide range of clinical needs (infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, women health issues and mental health) of this population and the public health, humanitarian, medical, and health system response required for various patterns of migration and during the different migration phases. The conference participants are expected to include a broad range of experts from different disciplines, clinicians, public health professionals, policy makers, members of humanitarian organizations caring for migrants and other non-governmental organisations.

We are calling for proposals up until **September 18, 2017** that will form the basis for the scientific content for this meeting. Any proposals addressing the health of migrants are eligible and proposals covering the following topics are encouraged:

- Review the different categories of mobile populations (international economic migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced populations, undocumented individuals etc.) and their health determinants.
- Describe the major health needs and public health issues occurring during the different migration phases (pre-arrival/early transit, early arrival, late settlement, return) for different mobile populations. Health topics may include communicable and non-communicable diseases, mental health, women's health and paediatric issues, host health systems preparedness/responsiveness and cross-border health.
- Highlight the different health needs of and the public health response to populations migrating during large, crisis-driven movements as compared to structural, disparity-driven regular migration.
- Review effective strategies (screening, vaccine administration, access to care policies, etc.) to promote the health among migrants during the different migration phases.
- Discuss the role of various barriers including cultural, linguistic, infrastructure, legal, health care eligibility etc. that prevent the implementation of efficient prevention/curative strategies and discuss successful integrated models of care.

Range of session types will include, keynote talks, plenary sessions, symposia, debates, panel discussions, workshops, and "Confronting Challenges" discussions (see descriptions on the next page). For each proposal, where appropriate, try to include a broad range of perspectives on a topic. Examples of this would be, including speakers from different disciplines (medical, public health, humanitarian, policy makers etc.), from different

geographic areas/health systems or covering issues occurring during the different phase of migration (pre/on arrival, early arrival, late settlement, return) or among different migrant categories. For each session please propose specific talks and speakers.

Please note that the submitted proposals may be combined with other proposals if they contain similar topics. The Scientific Program Committee Chairs may also identify different speakers for a particular talk as the full scope of submissions is reviewed. This allows for a comprehensive coverage of topics, less duplication between sessions, and a balanced demographic and geographic representation.

Thank you for your time and contributions to the ISTM International Conference on Migration.

Best regards,

Dr. Christina Greenaway, International Society of Travel Medicine, Chair Scientific Program Committee

Dr. Marty Cetron, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Associate Chair

Dr. Davide Mosca, International Organization for Migration, Associate Chair

Mr. Teymur Noori, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Associate Chair

Dr. Ymkje Stienstra, European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Associate Chair

Session Types

Keynote talks: Will provide a perspective on a topical or controversial issue in migration medicine that is presented by a leader in the field. No concurrent sessions will be run during these timeslots.

Plenaries: The featured plenaries are meant to highlight areas at the forefront of migration medicine and no concurrent sessions run during these timeslots. These sessions are typically 90 minutes with 3 X 30 minute talks.

Debates: These sessions provide the pros and cons of a controversial topic with each side presented by a debater and then moderated by a third person.

Panel Discussions: These sessions provide a forum to discuss a topic or important issue from several different points of view. These sessions will have 3 or more panelists and a moderator.

Symposia: These sessions are meant to highlight areas central to the practice of migration medicine and in which new or cutting-edge knowledge is presented. Each speaker will be allotted 20-25 minutes for their presentation, and questions will be taken after the presentations.

Workshops: These sessions are designed to stimulate discussion and learning between leaders and workshop participants. Workshops are not intended to be modified lectures and a scenario based or clinical case approach that facilitates discussion and exchange are encouraged.

“Confronting Challenges” Discussions: A few sessions during the conference will be designed to facilitate high level structured conversations to share perspectives and increase understanding and insights into complex issues in migration. These sessions will engage a broad range of individuals working with migrant populations such as health care practitioners, public health, humanitarian, and service providers and policy makers. A rapporteur will be assigned to report the key thoughts and ideas resulting from these sessions. Examples of some of the challenging issues could be; "Facing Fear and Stigma, challenges to integration", "Weighing the risks and benefits to assimilating migrants", "Navigating sovereignty, security and human rights in provision of care to migrants" and "Allocating scarce health care resources: What are the minimum standards in health service delivery."