



People living with HIV set the agenda: Submit an abstract for AIDS2010

Do you want the world to know what you are doing in your community, organization, country on HIV? Come to present your experiences at AIDS2010 in Vienna!

Are you a person living with HIV supporting other people living with HIV? Are you providing treatment, care or counseling for other people living with HIV? Do you work in prevention, help with testing, defend human rights, or in any other way to help improve the quality of life of people living with HIV? Submit an abstract and share your experiences!

The Global Network of People living with HIV (GNP+) calls on people living with HIV to share their knowledge and experience and submit abstracts to present at AIDS 2010 in oral abstracts sessions or through different poster sessions.

Note you will need to submit your abstract before February 10, 2010.

When you submit an abstract or workshop and also need a scholarship, you will need to apply for a scholarship through the abstract or workshop application. You will not need to submit a separate scholarship application. In the last step before submitting your abstract or workshop you will be asked whether you wish to apply for a scholarship. After submitting you will be taken to the scholarship application. We recommend to follow this route as it will increase your chances for a scholarship.

This brief will take you through the process of submitting an abstract in 3 simple steps.

Step 1: Prepare yourself well

Whether you have or have not submitted an abstract before, a good preparation is essential. Please take advantage of the abstract mentoring programme which AIDS2010 is offering. You can access the mentoring programme here: <http://www.aids2010.org/subpage.aspx?pagelid=180>

We advise to use the toolkit of CCABA¹ on preparing the best conference abstracts, presentations and posters. It can be downloaded in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Russian](#) from the AIDS2010 mentoring page and is also available here: <http://www.ccaba.org/resources.html#D>

As part of your preparation read the abstract guidelines carefully: http://www.aids2010-abstracts.org/absmgm/AIDS2010_abstract_guidelines.pdf In addition, read the submission guidelines, the general rules and the frequently asked questions (FAQs) - all available through the mentoring page <http://www.aids2010.org/subpage.aspx?pagelid=180>.

Abstracts will be selected to be presented as Oral abstract sessions, Poster discussion sessions or Poster exhibition and viewing sessions. Read more about what that means here: <http://www.aids2010.org/Default.aspx?pageId=211>

Note there are different systems for submitting an abstract and submitting a workshop. To read some pointers on how to submit a workshop please find the GNP+ brief at www.gnpplus.net

Step 2: Create a profile:

To apply for a workshop you will need to create your own profile at the AIDS2010 website. Profiles from former conferences are still active. To create a profile you need an email address. You can create your profile here: <http://80.80.232.235/>

Step 3: Write your abstract

Your abstract serves to give the reviewing committee an idea of the work you wish to present. The abstract contains information of your work or research and recommendations for the future. Abstracts should contain the objective, methods, results, and conclusions of your project. Your abstract is in English only and must be faultless and appealing: If your abstract is accepted, it becomes the advertisement for your session at the conference.

Write your abstract within 300 words, dividing it in 4 sections:

- **The Issue (background):** why you do this work, what issues motivate you, what is the context you are working in?
- **Description:** Who did what, with how many, where did it happen? How did the work take place? How did you solve the problem? Describe project, experience, service and/or advocacy.
- **Lessons learned:** What did you learn? What went well, what not, why and how have you changed the project?
- **Next Steps:** What impact and implications do your experiences have for your work and that of others? What can people learn from your experience?

You can submit your abstracts here: <http://www.aids2010.org/Default.aspx?pageId=179>

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Want to learn more? You can also watch a video instruction created by YWCA on how to submit an abstract: <http://www.youtube.com/user/WorldYWCA>

We are looking forward to see you at AIDS2010.

Sources:

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