



International Camping Fellowship

Call for Research Presenters

ICC 2014 Antalya, Turkey

The International Camping Fellowship (ICF) in conjunction with the Camping Association of Turkey (CAT) presents a Camp Research Symposium to be held during the 10th International Camping Congress in Antalya, Turkey, October 23rd to 27th, 2014, <http://icc2014turkey.org>.

The theme for the Congress is "Let's Camp for Peace", as we believe that the mutual respect and understanding of each other, which we can develop in children across the world through camping, can be a major contributor to building world peace. In a country with iconic battlefields from Troy to Gallipoli, there can be no better place to broadcast the message of world peace through camping.

Antalya will become the international focus for teaching and learning about camps, organized camping, and related outdoor experiences through the collaboration of industry professionals representing over twenty-five nations worldwide. Practitioners and academics alike will bring together their best understandings of organized camping with an eye to celebrate both the things we have in common and the things we hold different. As such, the ICF invites researchers to present the results of camp-related studies at this international gathering of camping professionals.

DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH SESSIONS FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Research results can improve the way we do our jobs, increase the program quality offered, and document the camp experience. Come hear brief presentations focused on direct applications of results from recent studies conducted in camps.

SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSION DETAILS

The focus of this symposium is to communicate the practical applications of empirically-based research to camp professionals. A blind-review process will examine the research design and methodology, but the presentations need to be free of academic jargon and easily understood by camp directors and administrators. Presenters will be expected to provide symposium attendees with a two page (maximum), single-spaced summary of the research process with emphasis on the practical applications. Upon participant request, full study details should be made available.

The research symposium proposals should include (and will be rated on) the following areas: relevance of purpose and research question(s) to professional needs and interests, theoretical context, methodology, analysis procedures, conclusions, and practical camp applications. Research proposals will be submitted online through a website that allows for a "cut and paste" process from word documents. Proposals must be no longer than three single-spaced pages in 12 pt Times New Roman font. The expectation is that the research presented is recently completed and relevant to the camp professional as well as the researcher. If you have any questions, please contact the symposium coordinators Dr. Deb Bialeschki - dbialeschki@acacamps.org or Dr. Stephen Fine - sfine@alumni.utoronto.ca.



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The symposium consists of a verbal presentation format. As is common to research symposiums a blind review will be conducted by an international panel for all submissions. All submitters will receive notification of acceptance or rejection of their proposals by email.

Verbal presentations will be moderated and will consist of 20 minute time slots followed by a question and answer period. Related topics will be grouped to form relevant sessions. While the research symposium proposals should include the traditional research details for the review process (see specifics below), the presentations should focus primarily on the practical applications for camp. All conference attendees will have access to the abstracts for additional information or details on the other aspects of the research process.

We welcome student research as well as studies completed by faculty or other researchers.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND TIMETABLE

Call for Papers closed: March 31, 2014

E-mail notification of acceptance: May 1, 2014

PRESENTER EXPECTATIONS

If a proposal is accepted for presentation, we expect the author to attend the conference to fulfill that obligation. It is expected that people speaking at the conference will register for at least one day. Camping professionals share a joint responsibility to further development within the industry of organized camping. Similarly, we appreciate the contributions made by researchers through their participation in the Symposium and the conference in general.

REVIEW EXPECTATIONS

Summaries will undergo blind peer review by an international panel with expertise in camp and youth development research and other related areas.

REVIEW GUIDELINES

The abstracts will be rated based upon the following categories:

1. Relevance of research purpose and research question(s) to professional needs and interests
2. Theoretical Context
3. Methodology
4. Analysis procedures
5. Conclusions
6. Practical applications

We hope you will submit your research for consideration and look forward to offering a world-class symposium on camp-related research.