

## Abstract submission

### 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 WHO Prison Health International Conference *Mental health and wellbeing in detention centres: prison health is public health*

Hosted and co-organised by the Netherlands Institute for Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology (NIFP), as part of the Dutch Custodial Agency and the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security

#### Abstract submission guidelines for authors

The World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/EURO) and Netherlands Institute for Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology (NIFP) are inviting abstract submissions for poster presentations for the 2024 Amsterdam WHO Health in Prisons Programme Conference: *Mental health and wellbeing in detention centres: prison health is public health*, which is co-organised and hosted by the Netherlands Institute for Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology (NIFP), as part of the Dutch Custodial Agency and the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security.

Abstract submissions are due no later than midnight GMT on the **14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**.

We welcome submission of abstracts for poster presentations only. Only abstracts falling into the theme of the conference “***Mental health and wellbeing in detention centres: prison health is public health***” will be considered. Submissions should be scholarly in nature and offer a clear contribution to new scientific knowledge or public health practice.

We particularly welcome abstracts from colleagues working in low- and middle-income countries.

#### Timeline

Submissions open: 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

Submission deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

Allocation of reviewers: 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

Reviewing period: 18<sup>th</sup> of March – 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, inclusive

Abstract acceptance notifications: 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

#### Abstract submission principles

1. The WHO HIPP – NIFP (DJI) 2024 conference steering group will have ultimate responsibility for the selection of abstracts for poster presentations.
2. Prior to the call for abstracts a list of peer reviewers will be agreed by the steering group. Invited peer reviewers will include WHO staff, members of the WHO-NIFP (DJI) Prison Health International Conference steering group.
3. A pre-screening of abstracts will be undertaken by the WHO-NIFP (DJI) Prison Health International Conference working group to ensure that all abstracts sent to peer review fall under the scope of the conference.
4. Each abstract passing the pre-screening will be reviewed by 2 randomly selected independent peer reviewers from the reviewer list who will score it 0-10 (0 being the worst score, 10 being the best score).
5. Screening criteria
  - a. Relevance and contribution to the objectives of the overall conference
  - b. Clarity of the text
  - c. Novelty of the work

- d. Quality of evidence
6. The average between the scores of the reviewers will be calculated. All abstracts scoring a 3 or below will be rejected.
7. The most highly rated abstracts will be selected. The number of abstracts will be determined by venue capacity.

### Instructions for authors

Abstracts can only be considered for peer review if sent to the following e-mail address: Olga Oleinik ([oleiniko@who.int](mailto:oleiniko@who.int)), att. Abstract Submission Prison Health Conference 2024, in the requested format by midnight GMT on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

In the abstract document please include:

1. A short title which clearly indicates the scope of your poster
2. The organisational affiliations of the author(s)
3. The abstract text, which may not exceed 250 words, including funding information, should be structured using the following headings: Background, Methods (including funding), Results, and Conclusions.

Do not include references, images or diagrams in the abstract document. Please do not repeat the title within the content of the abstract. If the work has been previously presented, please ensure you do not self-plagiarise.

### Screening process

Only abstracts falling into the theme of the conference “***Mental health and wellbeing in detention centres: prison health is public health***” will be considered for peer review. Each abstract will have two peer reviewers who will score the abstract according to five criteria:

- a. Relevance and contribution to the objectives of the overall conference
- b. Clarity of the text
- c. Novelty of the work
- d. Quality of evidence

### Outcome

After submission, emails regarding the abstract will only be sent to the first named author of the abstract. Please ensure the emails from the conference organisers are not considered as spam by your email provider. All authors will receive decisions around mid-March 2024. The first author should ideally be the presenting author (if the abstract is accepted and this is not the case, the first author should inform us). Please note that all subsequent emails about the conference will be sent to the first author.

**Submitting an abstract does not mean you are registered to attend the conference.** The presenting author of accepted abstracts must register to attend the conference by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 (registration details will follow). They must present a printed poster (details to follow). Examples of posters presented at the WHO Health in Prison Conference in London in 2023 can be found here: [https://wephren.tghn.org/events\\_calendars/whoukhsa-london-conference-2023/](https://wephren.tghn.org/events_calendars/whoukhsa-london-conference-2023/). Travel, accommodation, and poster printing will not be covered by the conference organisations; however, registration is free.

### Any questions?

Please address any technical questions about this call for abstracts to Filipa Alves da Costa ([azevedof@who.int](mailto:azevedof@who.int)), or Michel Westra ([m.westra@dji.minjus.nl](mailto:m.westra@dji.minjus.nl)) and any administrative or logistical questions to Olga Oleinik ([oleiniko@who.int](mailto:oleiniko@who.int)).