

# **Call for Abstracts**

## **4th International Conference on Motivational Interviewing ICMI**

**Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
June 16-18, 2014**

*Bridging the Gap*  
**between MI Practice, Evaluation and Research**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: February 15, 2014**



# Welcome!

We are pleased to invite you to actively participate in the 2014 4th International Conference on Motivational Interviewing (ICMI) – *Bridging the Gap* (between MI practice, evaluation and research).

We invite proposals in the three main domains of the conference theme **Bridging the Gap**.

## *Bridging the Gap I: From Research to Practice*

- We invite presentations on empirical studies of MI as an intervention or therapeutic method.
- Examples include efficacy studies, controlled clinical trials, comparative trials, mechanisms of action, and adaptations of MI for various goals, settings or target behaviors.
- The goals of this theme are to share the current state of the science regarding MI as a clinical method and to bridge the gap between research and practice by focusing attention on practice implications of research. Presentations may be followed by invited discussant reflections from a practitioner perspective.

## *Bridging the Gap II: From Practice to Research*

- We invite presentations on issues related to MI practice, including program development, staffing, implementation, adaptation and evaluation. A variety of perspectives will be considered, including administrative, practitioner, client, and relevant stakeholders such as policymakers and funders of services.
- Examples include effectiveness and implementation studies, training studies, utilizing client feedback to guide practice, case studies of organizational change projects, measurement issues in clinical practice, incorporating clients as program consultants, and eliciting practitioner guidance of hypotheses for investigation.
- The goals of this theme are to share current knowledge regarding MI in practice settings, identify tools for measurement of MI practice, increase incorporation of practitioner and client perspectives and experiences, and identify areas for future study in the practice of MI. Presentations may be followed by invited discussant reflections from researcher and client perspectives.

## *Bridging the Gap III: MI and Related Science*

- We invite presentations on theories and research areas that are generally outside of the realm of MI, and yet inform MI or could be used to inform future developments in MI.
- Examples include theory or research in motivation, neuroscience, interpersonal interactions, positive psychology, self-determination theory, empathy, health behaviors, addiction, values, cognition, and so on. Presentations on related clinical approaches that may overlap or complement MI are also welcome, including presentations on client-centered therapy, ACT, DBT, CBT, Narrative Psychotherapy, Attachment Theory, Appreciative Inquiry, and Participatory Healthcare.
- The goals of this theme are to increase engagement of MI scholars with broader scientific initiatives and ground MI in other related areas of study. Presentations may be followed by invited discussant reflections from MI conceptual and practitioner perspectives.

## **Information for Presenters:**

All presenters are required to register for the conference and are also responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Please refer to our website [www.icmi-conference.org](http://www.icmi-conference.org) for registration and payment, pre-conference workshops, social event and for some suggestions for accommodation in Amsterdam. For questions on any aspect of conference proposals, please email [2014program@icmi-conference.org](mailto:2014program@icmi-conference.org)

## **Symposia Proposals (Deadline 15 January 2014):**

You may send us your ideas for symposium themes. Symposia panels are one hour, fifteen minutes in length, and should include 3-4 presenters focusing on a common theme, with a minimum of 15 minutes for discussion. If you wish to submit an idea, send us an e-mail at [2014program@icmi-conference.org](mailto:2014program@icmi-conference.org) by **15 January 2014**. Symposium submission should include the following:

- Symposium title
- Summary of the symposium
- List of expected speakers and themes (if incomplete, we will help suggest additional presenters)

Once a symposium idea is accepted, each speaker will be asked to submit an individual abstract.

## **Discussion and Demonstration/Experiential Proposals: (Deadline 15 January 2014):**

The conference will include a limited number of extended sessions that vary from the speaker format.

Discussion sessions will include a semi-structured discussion on an MI-related theme with identified discussion leaders. Given the “Bridging the Gap” theme of the conference, these discussions will ideally incorporate multiple perspectives of researchers, practitioners, clients, stakeholders, etc. Examples might include eliciting practitioner input on need for studies in particular settings/populations, incorporating clients as program consultants, etc.

Demonstration/ experiential sessions might include demonstrations of structured MI protocols used in research or clinical practice (e.g., brief or telephone-based interventions) with the intent of sharing standardized methods with other researchers/practitioners. Other presentations may involve structured MI interventions that are currently being utilised in practice settings to further develop research protocols and ideas for practitioners/managers. Additional examples might include conducting empathy screening in hiring new practitioners or research interventionists, training practitioners based on standardized adherence measures, etc.

These sessions may run one to two hours. If you wish to lead or participate in one of these discussions or demonstration/experiential sessions, please send us a brief description of your ideas by e-mail at [Abstracts@icmi-conference.org](mailto:Abstracts@icmi-conference.org) by 15 January 2014.

## **Paper presentations (Deadline 15 February 2014):**

- Presentations should present new and original work that reflects one of the conference themes.
- Presentations are typically 20 – 30 minutes.
- This is a lecture style presentation, which can be supported with visual materials (PowerPoint presentation; embedded video) and handouts.
- Presentations should be informative and instructional for the audience, particularly reaching across perspectives (scientist, theorist, practitioner, client).
- As an alternative to an oral presentation, presentations may be made through a visual format (poster display). Any MI-related topic is appropriate for a poster presentation, including theoretical contributions, completed studies, pilot studies, and works in progress. Poster presenters are expected to be at their poster during poster sessions. Poster presentations should be accompanied by single page summary handouts for conference attendees.

### **Format for submission of abstracts:**

**Language:** All proposals must be submitted in English.

**Title:** The title should reflect important aspects of the paper as concisely as possible.

**Presenter(s):** The presenter's name should be listed with first name before the surname.

Identify in bold the main presenter who will be the main contact person. All conference information will be sent to the main presenter. It is their responsibility to forward this information to any other presenters.

The position/title, institution or organization name and address of the main presenter should start on a separate line and should include their email address and contact phone number. The address details should contain sufficient information to enable readers to contact the presenter. ICMI will correspond with the main presenter via email.

**Presentation type:** Please indicate clearly whether your proposal is a paper presentation or a poster display.

**Abstract:** The abstract should comprise one paragraph of not more than 300 words. It should state the hypothesis, intent or purpose of the presentation, the theoretical or experimental plan used, key findings and major conclusions. It should identify which conference theme appears most appropriate and how the presentation will be tailored to address the stated goals of that theme. It should not include experimental details, data, figures, tables or references.

**Biographical Data:** The biographical data statement of the lead presenter only not to exceed 200 words in length.

**Equipment:** Please advise us of the equipment required for your presentation.

## **Abstract review**

Abstracts will be evaluated by ICMI's Scientific Committee using the following criteria:

- Quality of abstract (clarity, appropriateness of content, innovativeness)
- Relevance to ICMI's conference theme or sub-themes.
- Application (practical, can be adapted/adopted)
- Impact (likely to be effective in enhancing participants' knowledge and skill levels)
- Objectives (specific knowledge/insights participants will gain)
- Balance of subject material

***ICMI reserves the right to accept or reject submissions at their sole discretion. You will receive notice from ICMI by March 15.***