

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****The 42<sup>nd</sup> World Hospital Congress opens the Call for Abstracts**

*The 2018 World Hospital Congress opens the Call for Abstracts, inviting hospitals and healthcare organizations to submit their abstracts for a chance to present their projects and programs in Brisbane*

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, December 12, 2017 – The International Hospital Federation and Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, organizers of the 42nd World Hospital Congress, are inviting hospital and healthcare organizations to submit abstracts for an opportunity to present at the next Congress which will be held on 10-12 October 2018 in Brisbane, Australia.

The World Hospital Congress is a unique global forum that brings together leaders of national and international hospital and healthcare organizations, key drivers of national and international policy, management, financial trends and solutions in healthcare management and service delivery. Through this forum multidisciplinary exchange of knowledge, expertise and experiences are facilitated, together with dialogue on best practices in leadership in hospital and healthcare management and delivery of services. The IHF World Hospital Congress is for healthcare professionals seeking the opportunity and environment to engage in a 360-degree learning and knowledge-sharing experience among peers.

The 2018 Congress will tackle the overarching theme “INNOVATE | INTEGRATE | INSPIRE – How can healthcare evolve to meet 21st century demands”. Each day will have keynote and panel plenary sessions and concurrent sessions that will focus on one of the three sub-themes.

Healthcare organizations who would like to showcase their work to international healthcare leaders can submit an abstract online. Selected abstracts will be presented in either one of the free paper sessions or displayed as a poster.

Chosen abstracts will also be considered for publication in the journal of the International Hospital Federation and the Australian Health Review as well as present in a webinar.

Deadline of submission is on 15 January 2018.

The sub-themes for each day are:

**From Volume to Value** - examples of relevant topics could include:

- Value-based care
- Patient reported outcome and experience measures
- Achieving funding value
- Preparing for transformational change

**From four walls to the neighborhood** – examples of relevant topics could include:

- Integrated health care (hospital and primary care) case studies
- Funding and structural support systems for integrated care
- Universal health care
- Developing partnerships and relationships between health providers

**From information to intelligence** – examples of relevant topics could include:

- Health technology and security
- Use of “big data” and artificial intelligence
- Personalised medicine
- Data informed decision making

For more information including criteria and submission requirements, go to:

<http://event.icebergevents.com.au/whc2018/call-for-abstracts>

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### **International Hospital Federation (IHF)**

Established in 1929, the IHF is an international not for profit, non-governmental membership organization. Its members are worldwide hospitals and healthcare organizations having a distinct relationship with the provision of healthcare. IHF provides them with a platform for the exchange of knowledge and strategic experience as well as opportunities for international collaborations with different actors in the health sector. IHF recognizes the essential role of hospitals and health care organizations in providing health care, supporting health services and offering education. Its role is to help international hospitals work towards improving the level of the services they deliver to the population with the primary goal of improving the health of society.

### **Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA)**

The AHHA is the independent peak membership body and advocate for the Australian healthcare system and a national voice for universally accessible, high quality healthcare in Australia. Established in 1946 to ensure higher standards, greater efficiency and improved conditions for patients, the AHHA has made a significant impact on achieving these original objectives, helping to develop a culture of collective responsibility for healthcare. Its collaborative and dynamic approach means AHHA is uniquely positioned to facilitate collaboration between clinicians, academics, policy makers, administrators and politicians. AHHA’s members come from across the Australian health system and represent the acute, primary, community and aged care sectors as well as those organisations that support the delivery of quality health services.

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