

SELECTION PROCEDURE EUPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – LISBON 6-8 November 2008

1. Information on abstracts/workshops submitted

	2008
Total number of abstracts	741
Single presentations	702
- research abstracts	534
- policy abstracts	41
- practice abstracts	87
- training abstracts	40
- oral presentation preferred	507
- specific poster presentation	84
Workshops	39

2. Information on countries submitting for single presentations

47 countries have submitted single presentation abstracts.

Country	Abstracts	Country	abstracts
Albania	2	Kazakhstan	4
Argentina	2	Korea (South)	4
Armenia	3	Latvia	3
Australia	2	Lithuania	29
Austria	9	Macedonia	3
Bangladesh	2	Netherlands	60
Belgium	22	Norway	11
Bosnia Herzegovina	3	Pakistan	1
Brazil	1	Poland	18
Bulgaria	1	Portugal	96
Canada	4	Romania	19
Croatia	11	Russia	8
Czech Republic	3	Slovakia	17
Denmark	28	Slovenia	3
Estonia	5	Spain	34
Finland	48	Sweden	42
France	19	Switzerland	3
Georgia	3	Thailand	1
Germany	26	Turkey	24
Greece	3	United Kingdom	45
Hungary	6	United States	4
Iceland	4	Yugoslavia	2
Iran	1		
Italy	63		

3. Information on abstracts per section (indicated preference)

For this second year, the abstract submitters had the possibility to select a EUPHA section that best fitted their abstract. 631 Submitters used this possibility. The results are presented in the table below.

EUPHA Section	2008
Child and Adolescent public health	68
Chronic diseases	28

Environment related diseases	30
Food and nutrition	17
Health promotion	58
Health services research	86
Infectious diseases control	34
Injury prevention and safety promotion	14
Migrant health	37
Public Health Economics	13
Public Health Epidemiology	101
Public health genomics	2
Public health practice and policy	56
Public mental health	25
Social security and health	24
Utilisation of medicines	12
ASPHER: training and education	33

5. Information on available space and time

Reserved time in the programme	6 times 1.5 hours
Rooms available	11 parallel rooms
Room available for ASPHER	1 parallel room
Rooms reserved for partners (EU, WHO/EURO)	4 parallel rooms
Total rooms available	68

Sessions can be filled either with 6 single presentations on specific subjects or with a workshop. There is room for 300 posters.

6. International Scientific Committee

Of the 38 members of the International Scientific Committee, 24 scored abstracts. Of the 16 section presidents invited to score, 8 scored abstracts related to their field of expertise.

The members of the scientific committee have used a rating scale ranging from 1 to 5 for the final judgement.

The overall average of all judges and all (single) abstracts was: 3.366
The average judgement per abstract varied from 4.667 (highest score) to 1.333 (lowest score).

The overall average of all judges for the workshops was: 3.619.
The average judgement per workshop varied from 4.500 (highest score) to 1.500 (lowest score).

The International Scientific Committee, together with the EUPHA Executive Council, ASPHER representatives and the Local Organising Committee 2008 made the following decisions:

Workshops:

Break-off point for workshops: score < 3.350. This means that 33 workshops were accepted, of which 3 were included in the ASPHER track on training and education.

Oral presentations 2008:

35 slots are filled with single presentations, of which 3 are specifically for the ASPHER track on training and education = 210 abstracts. Break-off point for oral presentation is > 3.665.

Poster presentations 2008:

We have room for around 300 posters, we will accept posters until the mean score of 3.200.