



Understanding Mortality Data Reaping the Rewards 2009

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Australasian Mortality Data Interest Group (AMDIG) extends an invitation to submit abstracts for oral presentation at the 6th Understanding Mortality Data – Reaping the Rewards workshop to be held in Wellington, New Zealand on the 2nd and 3rd of December, 2009.

In conjunction with the workshop, Statistics New Zealand is planning to follow with a forum on the **Official Injury Information Programme** on Friday the 4th of December.

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This Workshop focuses on contemporary issues relating to the collection, collation, dissemination and uses of mortality data.

Theme: External causes of Mortality

The Workshop will address issues associated with the quality of injury-related (external causes) mortality data and authors are invited to submit abstracts for presentation as research papers and/or case studies. Sessions will include research presentations with open discussion on key issues.

Workshop structure

Quality data on injury/external causes of mortality are of significant importance to national, regional and international health authorities.

Injury related mortality data are used by Government agencies, researchers and clinicians to assess the effectiveness of intervention strategies, to guide decision making and policy setting and to focus research, public health funding and educational activities. The data are the basis for reporting on national health experience to the World Health Organization (WHO) and for measurement of the global burden of diseases and injuries.

Language

The official language for the workshop is English, translations will not be available.

Paper selection

Selection of research papers is at the discretion of AMDIG.

By submission of an abstract, authors agree to:

1. allow publication of the full text version for inclusion in the workshop proceedings for distribution to participants;
2. allow publication of papers and slide presentations on the AMDIG website;
3. allow publication of audio recording of presentations on the AMDIG website.

The aim of the program is to explore collaborative approaches to utilizing mortality data for research and management purposes and to examine new systems and ideas to facilitate co-operation between different jurisdictions on issues relating to mortality data. Paper selection will be based on innovation and relevance from national, international and regional perspectives. Authors from countries working toward or with an interest in developing mortality data systems are encouraged to submit abstracts.

Essential selection criteria

All submissions for the program should comply with the following criteria and those that do not include the following details will not be considered for inclusion.

- Abstracts must be the author's own work.
- Abstracts must be submitted in English using Times New Roman 12-point font single-spaced, with headings and sub-headings in bold type.
- The full name of all authors, including preferred title/s and postnominals, with the presenter/s name/s in bold type.
- Names of authors' organisations.
- Mailing address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address.
- A 120 word biography for each presenter.
- Presentation title.
- Approximate length of presentation in minutes.
- Abstract (500 words maximum).

Submitting abstracts

E-mail: Abstracts to Pauline.gulliver@ipru.otago.ac.nz with 'UMD 2009-Abstract' in the Subject line. Attachments should be formatted in MS Word and saved as .RTF or .DOC files. Filenames should represent the surname of the main/first-presenting author underscored with the initial of their First name (eg waller_g.doc or waller_g.rtf).

CD: Abstracts submitted on CD should be accompanied by a hard copy. Save abstract in .RTF or .DOC format with the file name as per email submission.

Mail your CD and hardcopy to:

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Due date for abstracts

Abstracts must be received by 5.00pm New Zealand Friday 18 September 2009.
An e-mail reply will acknowledge receipt of abstracts as received.

Notification

Authors will be notified by email of the result of their submission by Friday 2 October 2009.
For successful abstracts this will include advice regarding the duration of presentation, session time, technical requirements and the process and deadline for submission of full papers for inclusion in the workshop publication.

Costs

Successful presenters will be responsible for all costs associated with attending the workshop, and presentation of the paper.

Further inquiries:

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Want to know more about AMDIG?

The overall function of AMDIG is to facilitate information sharing relating to the collection, collation, coding, dissemination and analysis of causes of death data in Australia, New Zealand and within the Asia-Pacific region.

Communication

AMDIG:

- Provides a forum for exchanging mortality information issues for users and information managers
- Provides a link between local mortality information issues and international developments

Technical discussion

AMDIG:

- Provides advice to managers and users of mortality information on technical standards related to data collection, analysis and reporting

Policy discussion

AMDIG:

- Provides advice to managers of mortality information on policy and procedures
- Promotes the scope, coverage and quality of mortality information

For further information and to subscribe to the AMDIG discussion list, see http://nis-web.fhs.usyd.edu.au/ncch_new/AMDIG.aspx#terms