



**Italian Health Economics Association (AIES)**  
**20th Annual Conference**

Fostering and governing innovation in healthcare based on evidence

**Sassari-Alghero, 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2015**

**Call for papers**

Italian Health Economics Association invites researchers to provide contributions investigating the role of evidence in governing and promoting access to innovation in healthcare services and technologies.

Contributions to the conference entitled “Fostering and governing innovation in healthcare based on evidence” can be either theoretical or empirical.

Contributions addressing the following specific themes, identified within the main theme defined above, will be particularly welcome:

- Innovation and Health Care Systems
- Innovation and Reforms
- Evidence informed policy making
- Evidence informed management and decision making
- Governing innovation through use of evidence
- Health Technology Assessment
- Innovation in Health Care Organisations

- Quality and Efficiency of Healthcare Services
- Value-based Health Care

It is possible to present contributions not pertaining to the subject of the Conference that will be discussed during one or more “Free Theme” sessions.

The following are also planned:

- ✓ **Poster Session**
- ✓ **One of more sessions, for Ph.D students and young research fellows**, devoted to the presentation of a limited number of papers by young researchers and Ph.D. students selected by the Scientific Committee. Authors’ paper must be all less than 35 years old. A discussant, chosen by the Scientific Committee from amongst those participating in the Conference, will be assigned to those contributions accepted for presentation at the special sessions;
- ✓ **Panel (Organised) Sessions**

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail before **June 30th 2015** to **aies2015@uniss.it**.

Abstracts (not exceeding 2 pages) for Oral presentations, Oral presentations in Doctoral & young researchers sessions and Poster, should include:

- name(s) of author(s) and affiliation; author presenting the study should be marked with an asterisk; corresponding author’s e-mail address and telephone number;
- topic of the paper (choosing from the above-listed topics) or “open session”;
- presentation format (oral, doctoral & young researchers session, and poster);
- title, objectives, methodology and main content of the article;
- literature and expected original contribution.

Abstracts (not exceeding 3 pages) for Panel (Organised) sessions, should include:

- title of the Panel (Organised) Session;

- topic of the Panel (Organised) Session (choosing from the above-listed topics) or “open session”;
- name, e-mail address, telephone number and affiliation of the Session’s Coordinator(s);
- name(s) of author(s) presenting in the Panel Session and affiliation (no more than 4 Oral presentations);
- title, objectives, methodology and main content of the (maximum 4) Oral presentations.

Authors who want to compete for the “AIES Young Researchers Award” must explicitly state it in their submissions and must present an original and unpublished paper at the conference. Authors must be all less than 35 years old, to be eligible for the award.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and acceptance/rejection will be communicated by **July 30th, 2015**. Review will consider consistency, methodological robustness and relevancy. Abstract rejected for Oral presentations cannot be presented in the Poster Session.

Author(s) of abstracts accepted are invited to send their contributions (full papers or .ppt presentations for oral presentations; short communications for the poster sessions) by **September 30th, 2015**.

The Scientific Committee will allocate contributions to appropriate sessions, according to the subject discussed and methodology.

Participation fee to the Conference is 150 Euros (for AIES members, including the annual Association Fee) and 180 Euros (AIES non-members). An additional fee will be required for Social Dinner.

All information regarding the Conference will be published on the AIES website: <http://www.aiesweb.it>.

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