CALL FOR PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS for the 35th ISPSO Annual Meeting to be held in Dublin from 18th - 24th June 2018
Desire and Defences@ Work 2018: Psychoanalytic Explorations

The Dublin Local Organising Committee (LOC) is delighted to invite you to submit your abstract for the 35th Annual Meeting of ISPSO.

As is customary, the design of the 2018 AM and symposium will draw upon the three domains in which ISPSO works: Theory/Academia; Practitioners e.g. consultants, coaches, managers/leaders, employees; and, Clinicians informing our learning from the couch. We believe that our unique strength and distinctive voice as an organization derives from our ability to work in the space informed by each of these three interacting domains.

New Approach: Two Streams for Presenters

We are pleased to inform you that this year we are introducing a new approach to the AM by inviting abstracts for two separate streams for presenters; an academic stream and a practice stream. This new approach has two aims;

1) to continue to develop the high quality of ISPSO’s theoretical work via the academic stream
2) to provide a space for practitioners to share their work, without feeling the need to deliver an overtly academic paper in the practitioner stream

We hope the new approach will encourage ISPSO members to present well thought out theoretical based papers and also we are open for practitioners (managers, coaches, consultants etc.) to present in new and experimental ways. It is our desire that the two streams will dialogue with each other throughout the symposium as we hope to create a praxis whereby practice informs theory and theory informs practice.

Both streams will be informed by psychoanalytical thinking.

All abstracts should embrace the theme and draw on psychoanalytic influences where possible that relate to the study of organisations.

NOTE: ISPSO Annual Meeting presentations and workshops qualify for CE Credits/CPD Points. If your Presentation/Workshop proposal is successful, you will be asked to submit additional information for approval of CE credits/CPD Points.

See more below...
IMPORTANT DATES

- Call for papers: September 30th
- Final Date for Submission of Abstracts: December 30th
- Papers and Workshops Confirmed: February 17 2018
- Programme Announced: February 24th
- On-Line Registration opens: February 24th
- Early-bird registration: February 27th
- Full papers/proposals submitted by April 27th

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please clearly identify which stream you are applying for. Below, please see criteria for each respective stream. Abstracts for both streams should adhere to a maximum word count of 400 words. With regard to the academic stream, the word count excludes references.

Abstracts for the Academic Stream

Submissions are invited which present academic style papers, working to develop theory, or to share new research findings/methodologies, and or to explore theoretical and conceptual developments related to the theme.

The academic presentations will have a time boundary of 75 minutes. We recommend that the session is split roughly 50-50 between the presentation of the paper, and an interactive dialogue with the audience.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ACADEMIC ABSTRACTS

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<td>Originality re: theory, concept, or research findings/methodology</td>
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<td>Evidence of scholarship/academic rigour: citing references or main theories/concepts to be explored.</td>
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<td>The inclusion of psychoanalytic theory and references alongside other theoretical approaches.</td>
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<td>Clear focus of abstract and description of work to be developed.</td>
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Abstracts for the Practitioner Stream

Submissions are invited to make presentations drawn from experience of practice. Presentations may focus on: interventions, observations, challenges, or any concern or debate that is relevant to the field of practice and to the theme. The delivery may take diverse forms; talks, dialogue sessions, workshops, showing a short video and discussion, artwork, drama role plays etc.

More below...
The presentations will have a time boundary of 75 minutes. We recommend that adequate time be made available for interactive participation by the audience during the session, or a 50-50 divide whereby the audience dialogues during the second part of the session.

Presenters may or may not have an expertise or deep knowledge of psychoanalysis. However, in the dialogue a key question for the workshops participants will be how psychoanalysis informs our thinking about this work.

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING PRACTITIONER ABSTRACTS**

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<td>Potential for developing interventions, methodologies and insights to improve practice</td>
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We are looking forward to receiving your abstracts for both streams and to the work you will do over the coming months if successful, in bringing them to fruition. We know that it is YOUR work and the thinking it stimulates and excites that will make for a rich conference experience that we will all benefit from.

**Note: the deadline for submission of abstracts is 30th December 2017.**

**Please upload your abstract here**