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CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

DEADLINE: July 12, 2014

The Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center
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A 20/20 Vision for Addressing and Eliminating Health Disparities in Special and Vulnerable Populations in the United States Virgin Islands and Beyond

OCTOBER 8-10, 2014

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The organizing committee invites the submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Authors are invited to submit abstracts describing original biomedical, psychosocial, and behavioral research; evidence-based practice models; and evidence-based policies relevant to any of the following vulnerable groups, specifically issues and challenges related to:

- a. Men's health and initiatives to reduce health disparities;
- b. The identification of best practices for the development of linguistically and culturally appropriate communication of health information;
- c. The achievement of health equity for persons living with disabilities;
- d. The identification and implementation of best practices for achieving health equity for the elderly;
- e. Population approaches to reducing health disparities for children of color and/or economically disadvantaged children; or
- f. Factors that result in the reduction of health disparities for women of color.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts will be accepted via electronic submission only. It is the author's/authors' responsibility to ensure that the posted guidelines and instructions are followed. Abstracts that do not conform to official guidelines will not be accepted.

- 200-250 word count. Abstracts exceeding 250 words may be truncated.
- Define all abbreviations the first time they appear in the abstract.
- Avoid formulas.
- Do not include references, credits, or mention of grant support.
- Single space all typing; no space between title and body or between paragraphs.
- Indent each paragraph with a tab.
- Abstracts must be formatted as a Microsoft Word document. Font size should be 12 point Times New Roman or Arial. Please indicate if abstract is for an oral presentation or poster display.
- Proofread the abstract carefully before submitting.

ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES [Required]

- **TITLE** (Upper-case letters) maximum 60 characters
- **AUTHOR(S)** (Upper/Lower-case letters)
 - Presenting author must be listed first (upper-case letters)
 - For each author, include first and second initial and last name, and highest degree (one only). Separate author name from degree with comma; separate authors with semi-colon.
Example: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN; GW Scott, DrPH

- **AFFILIATION(S)** (do not list header)
 - List institution(s) where work was performed. Present affiliation information in a new line immediately following author line and include author initials following affiliation.

*Example 1: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN;
GW Scott, DrPH
University of the Virgin Islands; (PFT, APS)*

*Example 2: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN;
GW Scott, DrPH, Virgin Islands
Department of Health (GWS).*

- **INTRODUCTION** (Header in upper-case letters)
 - Explain the importance of the research or activity to include objectives, goals and purpose and/or problem.
 - Abstract clearly addresses an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in reducing health disparities for: males, linguistic and cultural communication of health information, persons living with disabilities, the elderly, children of color and/or economically disadvantaged children and women of color among Caribbean and other Ethnic/Racial minority populations.
- **METHODS**
 - Briefly explain the design, setting, procedures, number and description of participants as indicated, and data analysis.
 - Overall strategy clearly stated and well-reasoned.
- **RESULTS/EXPECTED RESULTS**
 - Describe findings resulting from analysis of data. Describe the outcome/impact of practice models and/or policy implementation.
 - Abstract provided novel, refined or innovative findings or approaches to theory, research, policy or practice interventions related to previously identified vulnerable groups.
- **DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS**
 - Compare results with prior research findings, hypothesis testing, similar projects or activities.
 - Provide recommendations and implications for future research, practice and/or policy development related to environmental, health and social justice issues impacting health disparities in the Caribbean and other Racial/Ethnic minority population.
 - Results are evidenced based and supported by previous research findings, projects, or activities consistent with improving environmental, health and social justice issues disparities in the Caribbean and other Racial/Ethnic minority populations.
 - Recommendations are linked to cultural, environmental, health and/or social justice issues impacting health disparities in the Caribbean and other racial/ ethnic minority populations.

INSTRUCTIONS

DEADLINE

All abstracts must be received no later than **midnight, Atlantic Standard Time, July 12, 2014**. No corrections will be allowed.

ELIGIBILITY

All abstracts should represent clinical, research, education, training activities, community-based programs or policies addressing reduction of health disparities related to environmental, health and social justice in the Caribbean and other Ethnic/Racial minority population.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Abstracts will be accepted via electronic submission at <http://cercuvi.com>. A drop down menu will be available for posting abstracts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All **abstract** submissions will receive immediate notification of receipt. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours, please call the Caribbean Exploratory Research Center at (340) 693-1178.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Abstracts will be evaluated by peer review and accepted using the following criteria:

- Importance and relevance of topic
- Innovation and contribution to knowledge base
- Clarity and completeness: overall quality, research design, purpose and objectives, theoretical and/or applied focus, research/activity methods, findings, and potential practical application
- Potential contributions to science/society

NOTE: *Selected abstracts will be presented during Concurrent Sessions or as poster presentations during poster sessions.*

ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES

- Decision letters, along with presentation instructions, will be emailed to the presenter by **August 23, 2014**.
- Presenters must notify organizers that they will attend the conference by **August 30, 2014**.
- Authors of the accepted poster abstracts will be asked to prepare and bring posters with them. Oral presentations of paper abstracts should not exceed 15 minutes.
- **PRESENTERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES**. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the Institute Proceedings on the CERC web site - <http://cercuvi.com>.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Abstract prepared as instructed (no more than 250 words) in Word (no pdf or pictures, please)<input type="checkbox"/> Submit abstract online via http://cercuvi.com by 11:59 PM AST July 12, 2014<input type="checkbox"/> For inquiries contact 2014abstracts@cercuvi.com or Call 340 693 1178 if acknowledgment of receipt not received within two business days<input type="checkbox"/> Abstract notification deadline: <u>on or before August 23, 2014</u> via email from 2014abstracts@cercuvi.com<input type="checkbox"/> Register to attend the Institute. |
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