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The 2022 Conference will be hosted by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri/Missouri RiteCare and will take place Wednesday, September 28 (6:00pm) through Friday, September 30 (1:30pm), 2022 in St. Louis, Missouri at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel.

The Children's Language & Literacy Conference invites you to submit a proposal to the Call for Papers with a deadline of May 1, 2022. The Conference Committee invites speakers, reviews presentation proposal submissions and helps select the most informative content to be presented during the Conference.

Topic Areas

Educational programming will consist of four topic areas:

- Speech-Language Pathology/Communication Disorders
- Literacy and Dyslexia
- Professional Development, Leadership, Strategic Planning
- Mental Health & Well-Being
- Telehealth
- Interprofessional Collaboration

Submission Guidelines

The guidelines outline the steps in the submission process, define terms and provide explanations of information required to submit a proposal. All proposals need to be emailed in an attached Word document to Sheri Mistretta, at sherim@light.foundation, on or before the deadline of May 1, 2022. Presenters will be notified of a Conference Committee decision by email by May 20, 2022.

Criteria for Proposals to Meet ASHA and/or ALTA CEU Requirements

In order for a Conference Session to be offered for ASHA and/or ALTA CEU's, please see attached submittal guidelines. No personal interest session or product sales will qualify.

Registration

All presenters (oral sessions or posters) are required to register for the Conference and are to arrange own travel and hotel accommodations.

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Continuing Education Units (CEU's)

As a presenter of a session offered for ASHA and/or ALTA CEU's, you may claim credit for your own session, earning the same amount of credit as participants.

Oral Presentations (One Hour, One and a Half Hour or Two Hours)

Seminar presentations are intended to provide in-depth, continuing education for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, language therapists, dyslexia specialists and/or speech-language-hearing scientists. Emphasis is on clinical applications and research advances, backed by appropriate levels of evidence. Content is specifically tailored to fit a 60, 90 or 120 minute time period.

Poster Presentations (One Hour)

Poster presentations should visually guide viewers through the basics of the study displayed on the poster board while the presenter focuses on the explanation and clarification of the key elements of the work and answers viewers questions. The poster presentation format is less formal and more interactive than an oral seminar. Though poster presentations must be displayed for the entire day, poster presenters are only required to be present at their poster board during the assigned time of their presentation. This is the only time during which participants can earn ASHA and/or ALTA CEU's.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Call for Papers Agreement

For consideration, anyone presenting or listed as an author for presentation, is required to complete a disclosure indicating any financial or non-financial relationship to the content of the session.

Speaker Disclosures at the Start of the Presentation

Presenters of oral presentations should begin their session with a slide and verbal statement indicating their adherence to the agreement and disclosing any potential conflicts. Poster presenters should include a similar written statement within their visual presentation.

Handouts

This will be a paperless conference and no handouts will be available onsite. All handouts will be available on the conference website and should be downloaded prior to the start of each session. To meet the educational needs of attendees, we are asking that presenters email a 2 page advance material (by August 29, 2022) which should include a functional outline of the presentation and a list of references or links related to the final presentation. **Final versions of electronic handouts must be submitted to upload onto conference website no later than September 6, 2022.**

Prepare your Presentation

Please submit your presentation in one of the following formats: Microsoft Office Power Point (.ppt/.pptx), Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) Please send all photos/pictures in either JPEG or PNG files for speaker headshots for website.

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Room Setup and Audiovisual Equipment

Oral session rooms are set for maximum participation with basic presentation tools. Each room is set theater-style for maximum capacity, with a standing podium with microphone. Please advise Conference Committee if you are bringing your own computer with uploaded presentation or require a computer to be available to you and bringing presentation on your own flash drive. Though the Westport Sheraton Chalet Hotel offers complimentary basic wireless Internet, hard-wired Internet access for presenters is not provided in session rooms.

Each room is equipped with:

- Projection equipment appropriate to the size of the room
- A screen appropriate to the size of the room

Accessibility

The 2022 Conference is committed to making the conference accessible and working to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Presenters that need special accommodations or equipment in order to participate should contact Sheri Mistretta at sherim@light.foundation.

Further questions should be directed to the Conference Committee at 2022conference@moritecare.org.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Children's Language & Literacy Conference.

ASHA: This program is offered for ASHA CEU's at the intermediate level, professional area.

ALTA: Academic Language Therapy Association is an organization of certified academic language therapists who have received training to work specifically with students identified with dyslexia. Application in process for ALTA CEU's.

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Thank you for submitting this proposal for the Scottish Rite supported 2022 Children's Language & Literacy Conference. Presenter(s) will be notified of the Conference Committee's decision via email by May 20, 2022.

Presenter(s) names, email address and affiliation: _____

Presentation Title: _____

Type of Presentation (select one or both if willing to use either format):

Oral, One Hour Oral, One and a Half Hour Poster Oral, Two Hours

The learner is facing this big problem: _____

This session addresses this problem by: _____

In a separate, attached document, please provide the following:

Following this presentation, the participant will be able (list 2–3 action items):

What do you want the learner to know about you?

Supply a short biographical sketch (no more than 200 words for each presenter).

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