FETP International Night 2018
Call for Abstracts

2018 EIS CONFERENCE

The Division of Global Health Protection, Center for Global Health (CGH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (TEPHINET) are co-sponsoring FETP International Night at the 67th Annual Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Conference. **The 2018 EIS Conference is scheduled for April 16–19, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia.**

Current trainees/fellows and those graduating after January 1, 2017 from field-based training programs in applied epidemiology, laboratory, and public health practice are invited to submit abstracts (in English only) for consideration (see details below). **Priority will be given to current trainees/fellows** of advanced and intermediate training programs.

Abstracts should cover investigations or projects undertaken and completed during training and within the past two years (i.e., no earlier than December 2015). We are interested in abstracts describing outbreak investigations, implementation and evaluation of public health programs or surveillance activities, and other areas in applied epidemiology or public health practice. In particular, abstracts and presentations should emphasize how the results of the investigation or an analysis were used to direct public health actions, and also describe or estimate the public health impact.

Abstracts submitted for consideration should be original. In particular, the abstract should not represent work already published in peer-reviewed journals or previously submitted to an international conference. Please refer to the attachments for guidance on abstract format, suggestions, and evaluation criteria.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

- **Deadline for final abstracts**. The deadline for abstracts to be received via TEPHINET is *Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 11:59 pm USA - EST.* **There will be no extensions to this deadline.**

- **Submission of abstracts:** Individuals submitting abstracts should coordinate submission with their program directors/resident advisors. Program directors/resident advisors should encourage and assist their fellows/graduates to submit abstracts to the program.

- **Program Rankings:** Because of limited space for presentations during FETP International Night and a desire to maintain a broad representation of programs, <u>**a maximum of 10 abstracts can be submitted from any single program and 1 abstract per person (first authors).**</u> In order to facilitate this process, we ask that Program Directors and Resident Advisors coordinate the abstract submission of their trainees/fellows to ensure there are not additional submissions outside of the approved list. In the case of a program submitting multiple abstracts for consideration, program directors/resident advisors should rank them and provide this ranking to the FETP International Night organizers. The results of the independent peer-review will take precedence in determining abstract acceptance; however, if there are ties or minimal differences in final scores within a given program's submissions, the director's/resident advisor's input will be considered in determining the final selection. Priority for financial support will be given to the abstracts accepted for oral presentation.

- **Web-based application**. Abstracts will be collected at: https://fetpintlnight.exordo.com Visitors to this site will be prompted to create an account and log in; this is necessary to submit an abstract. For questions about using the platform, please contact Clare Sigelko at csigelko@tephinet.org.

    {NOTE: Please <u>do not</u> send abstracts for FETP International Night to the EIS office. They are a separate program and are not responsible for FETP International Night abstract review.}

- **Evaluation**. All abstracts submitted for International Night will be reviewed by three epidemiologists.

- **Acceptance**. Applicants will be notified of abstract(s) acceptances by *February 12, 2018.* Program Directors and RAs will be notified that week.

- **Conflict of interest and biographical information.** Authors of selected abstracts will be asked to submit a conflict of interest form. Biographical information will also be collected to facilitate continuing education accreditation of the conference.

- **Additional information**. Please see attachments at the end of this email for detailed instructions and suggestions for abstract preparation to share with FETP and FELTP trainees/fellows and graduates.

Abstract presenters are eligible for consideration for two of the three awards presented at FETP International Night. The awards given are:

WILLIAM H. FOEGE AWARD

The Division of Public Health Systems and Workforce Development and TEPHINET will present the 20th William H. Foege Award at FETP International Night 2018. This award recognizes the abstract which best exemplifies an outstanding public health intervention and highlights investigations in which epidemiology leads to improvements in program implementation or other public health actions.

The Award is given in honor of Dr. William H. Foege, who was one of the pioneers of WHO's strategy of disease surveillance and containment that successfully eradicated smallpox from the world. Dr. Foege also served as director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was on the Global Task Force for Child Survival, which later evolved into the present-day Task Force for Global Health. He helped persuade the pharmaceutical company Merck to contribute over nine million doses of Ivermectin to treat and prevent river blindness around the world. He serves as a powerful advocate for using epidemiology to improve the health of the public, especially children.

Only abstracts accepted for oral presentation at FETP International Night 2018 will be considered for this award.

JEFFREY P. KOPLAN AWARD

The Jeffrey P. Koplan Award for Excellence in Scientific Presentation was established in 2014 in honor of Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan, former Director and 26-year veteran of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for his outstanding contributions to improving public health globally and his commitment to excellence in scientific research, analysis, and presentation. The Jeffrey P. Koplan Award is presented to the winner of the scientific poster presentation that most effectively emphasizes the results of an investigation and its impact on public health.

Dr. Koplan is a Past-President of the International Association of National Public Health Institutes. He currently serves as Vice President for Global Health at Emory University and is the former Director of the Emory Global Health Institute, an organization created to advance Emory University's efforts to improve health around the world. Before assuming this position, Dr. Koplan was Vice President, Academic Health Affairs for Emory University's Woodruff Health Sciences Center, and Director and 26-year veteran of CDC.

Dr. Koplan has served on many advisory groups and consultancies in the U.S. and overseas, and has written more than 200 scientific papers. He served as a trustee of Yale University, and is currently on the boards of the Marcus Family Foundation, Michael C. Carlos Museum, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia, Inc., and HealthMPowers.

Only abstracts accepted for poster presentation at FETP International Night 2018 will be considered for this award.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

This award is presented in recognition of significant contributions toward successful responses to public health emergencies (natural and manmade disasters, disease outbreaks, etc.). Nominees can include FETPs or FELTPs who have provided successful leadership in important public health responses while overcoming challenging circumstances. The award is also to recognize excellence in epidemiologic practice or research and contributions that address a public health issue of major importance by applying epidemiologic principles and methods. Nominations can recognize accomplishments that improved human health; made a substantial reduction in burden of disease; or represented innovations to public health practice based on epidemiologic foundations or implementation of epidemiologic approaches. Recognized contributions should be practical, explicit, and applied rather than theoretical or implicit.