Call for Abstracts: SECOND ROUND

The TEPHINET Advisory Scientific Committee is opening a **second round of abstract submissions** for the the 11th TEPHINET Regional Scientific Conference of the Americas. All advanced, intermediate, and Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) graduates and current trainees within the Americas Region may submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations to be delivered **virtually** from **October 18-21, 2021**.

Abstracts may be submitted in Spanish, Portuguese, French, or English. Refer to the attachments section of the call for abstracts on the TEPHINET website for information on abstract format, a sample winning abstract, and evaluation criteria.

The second round of abstract submissions will be from July 26th to August 2nd. Abstracts must be submitted by program directors or their respective delegates. If program directors/delegates have not received a link to Ex Ordo, TEPHINET’s abstract management platform, please contact Elena Atkinson at abstracts@taskforce.org.

**NOTE:** TEPHINET will NOT consider any abstract submitted by an individual who is not a program director or his/her delegate, nor will TEPHINET consider any abstracts submitted via email or outside of the Ex Ordo platform.

All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by three qualified, independent scientific reviewers.

I. Sessions and Eligible Applicants

1. **General Presentation Sessions**

   **Eligible applicants:** Current trainees/fellows and recent graduates (i.e., those who graduated after January 1, 2020) from intermediate and advanced level field-based
training programs in applied epidemiology, veterinary, laboratory, and public health practice.

2. Special FETP Frontline Presentation Session

Eligible applicants: Current trainees/fellows and recent graduates (i.e., those who graduated after January 1, 2020) from Frontline or basic level field-based training programs in applied epidemiology, veterinary, laboratory, and public health practice.

II. Eligible Topics

Abstracts should cover investigations or projects undertaken and completed during training and within the past two years (i.e., no earlier than December 2019). In particular, abstracts 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.

We are interested in abstracts describing outbreak investigations, implementation and evaluation of public health programs or surveillance activities, non-communicable diseases, and other areas in applied epidemiology or public health practice (including environmental health, mental health, etc).

Abstracts should not represent work already published in peer-reviewed journals or previously accepted to an international conference (including TEPHINET global and regional conferences).

III. Conference Format and Capacity

Each accepted abstract will be presented as either a poster presentation or an oral presentation (authors will be allowed to state a preference, but the format will ultimately be decided through a process of peer review and TEPHINET Advisory Scientific Committee review).

The number of abstracts accepted for the 11th TEPHINET Regional Scientific Conference of the Americas will be limited to 87 (60 poster and 27 oral). 81 of these will be presented during the General Session and 6 during the Special Frontline Session. All presented abstracts will be publicly shared on TEPHINET’s Field Epidemiology Abstract Database, the “FEAD”: https://www.tephinet.org/learning/fead.