

2018 ICPHSO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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International Product Safety Week

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Brussels, Belgium



Call for Presentations

International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO) 2018 International Symposium

“Alignment & Inclusion in a Divergent World”

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ICPHSO is now accepting proposals for presentations at its **2018 International Symposium** being held in Brussels, Belgium on 12 and 13 November 2018. Presentations must be non-commercial in nature and pertain to topics of interest to the worldwide consumer product safety community. The proposals can be for general plenary sessions, workshops or panels. Please note the European Commission's (EC) International Product Safety Week activities continue on November 14 and 15, 2018, and the EC is responsible for the content of its two days and we hope all ICPHSO attendees will stay for these activities. We are pleased to be able to again join with the EC and be a part of International Product Safety Week.

Suggestions for Presentation Proposals:

- **Workshop proposals** should address key current issues. Proposed topics **that are novel or explore prior topics in new ways are preferable (see suggestions below)**. Proposals based on unique issues (e.g., single product hazards) should make an effort to advise how findings apply to other products in order to appeal to attendees who are not involved with that specific product. The theme of the Symposium is **“Alignment & Inclusion in a Divergent World”** and proposals directly related to the theme will receive priority consideration for selection.
- **Panels should draw on the widest possible pool of subject matter experts and be inclusive.** Panels should include: (a) broad representation from different stakeholder groups; (b) speakers with geographical diversity; and (c) speakers with a fresh perspective.

- **Panels must build audience participation into their format and time allowances.** Session formats that engage the audience, encourage their participation, and encourage interaction between panelists are preferred by the audience and will be given strongest consideration.
- **A maximum of three presenters is strongly advised;** exceptions will be made for regulatory or other panels requiring input from more than three stakeholders. Please endeavor to include representation and/or positions from multiple stakeholder groups and panelists that are geographically diverse.
- **Speakers and moderators may normally only participate in one session during the conference.** (Exceptions are made in particular for underrepresented stakeholder groups; e.g., consumers, government, NGOs, researchers). If you are invited to speak on more than one accepted panel, you must call this to the attention of the moderators for both sessions. The moderators will decide on which panel you will speak.
- **Training Workshop Moderators and Speakers are expected to pay** the appropriate registration fee that applies to them in accordance with ICPHSO policies. Scholarship assistance may be available if a moderator or speaker is unable to pay the appropriate registration fee.

The theme of this year's program is "***Alignment & Inclusion in a Divergent World.***" We are specifically seeking proposals and suggestions to address topics based on this general theme.

The concepts of alignment and inclusion can be interpreted broadly. The theme is intended to encompass both diversity in the context of safety considerations, and broader representation issues. It is also intended to show how the product safety community is inclusive and representative of humans throughout the globe, and how continued and increased focus on inclusion and diversity when addressing product safety issues can bring benefits to consumers everywhere. Through ICPHSO, we bring varied views to the forefront of our discussions. We allow and encourage equal access and an opportunity to speak and be heard for the benefit of our members. And we encourage approaches to product safety that ensure that consumers in all areas of society can benefit, and that no group is overlooked or disadvantaged. This results in a stronger more inclusive product safety community where differing points of view are encouraged and discussed in a transparent and open manner by a broad representation of stakeholders. It is as important as ever to encourage inclusive discussions at a time where, in many contexts, divergence is increasing on an international scale.

Proposal Selection Process:

An initial round of weighting presentations will be performed by the International Symposium Planning Committee and the ICPHSO Executive Committee. Final selections will be made by the Executive Committee of the ICPHSO Board based upon recommendations of the Symposium Planning Committee.

Please note that submission of a proposal is not a guarantee of being on a panel or serving as a moderator. Proposals that are similar in theme and content may result in a decision to combine proposals to optimize value to the ICPHSO community. While moderator and presenter suggestions are strongly considered, moderators and speakers will be chosen at the discretion of the ICPHSO Executive Committee to ensure inclusion and diversity among the panels.

Timeline:

Deadline for submissions – **June 29, 2018**

Selection and communication to submitters – **Mid July 2018**

Questions? Please email Marc Schoem (mschoem@icphso.org) or International Symposium Planning Chairman, Rod Freeman at freeman@cooley.com

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