



Call for Presentations

2018 ICPHSO Northwest Regional Product Safety Training Workshop

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ICPHSO (International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization) is now accepting proposals for presentations at its **2018 Northwest Regional Product Safety Training Workshop** to be held in Seattle, Washington. Presentations must be non-commercial in nature and must pertain to topics of interest to the worldwide consumer product safety community. Proposals can be submitted as a panel discussion, tutorial, or roundtable. There will not be any breakout sessions but only plenary panel sessions for this one-day training workshop.

The evolving way data is captured, communicated, and repackaged define the Information Age and continue to change the very landscape of product safety. Fundamentally, the field remains the same, although key tasks and processes are being reimagined with the aid of data and technology every day.

The theme for the Seattle Workshop and Training program is ***“Product Safety in the Information Age: Employing Data for Better Understanding and Solutions.”*** We are specifically seeking proposals and suggestions to address topics based on this general theme.

Whether you are a manufacturer, retailer, distributor, consumer, regulator, NGO or service provider, increasingly risk is modified by the ability to capture, manage and make data meaningful.

We invite you to consider key words and phrases impacting product safety in the Information Age, such as data driven technology models e.g. machine learning, “big data”, data analytics, and automation that enable scalability, risk assessment, and efficiency gains. Also, concepts of standards simplification with implications for streamlined testing, supply chain efficiencies and reduce waste e.g. industry-wide recognized supplier/ vendor certifications (blockchain), harmonized standards (RSLs, MRSL, Consumer Protection Regulations).

Suggestions for Presentation Proposals:

- **Proposals should address key current issues.** Proposed topics that are novel or explore prior topics in new ways are preferable (see discussion above). Proposals based on unique issues (e.g., single product hazards) should advise how single product-specific findings apply to other products to appeal to attendees who are not involved with one, specific product. Tutorial proposals should specify the narrower topic to be covered and the expertise of the proposed presenters.
- **Panels should draw on the widest possible pool of subject matter experts.** Where possible, panels are advised to include: (a) representation from different stakeholder groups; (b) speakers with geographical diversity; and (c) speakers with a fresh perspective.
- **Panels should be interactive and must build audience participation into their format and corresponding 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.
- **Panels will be restricted to a maximum of three speakers and one moderator.** 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 only participate in one session during the workshop.** However, exceptions may be made for underrepresented stakeholder groups; e.g., consumers, government, NGOs, researchers.
- **Training Workshop moderators and speakers attending the entire day’s workshop 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.
- **ICPHSO appreciates and values the contributions of its members and requests that moderators be current ICPHSO members.** Exceptions may be made for underrepresented stakeholder groups as noted above.

Proposal Selection Process:

An initial round of weighting presentations will be performed by the Symposium Planning Committee and the ICPHSO Executive Committee. Final presenter suggestions are strongly considered, but moderators and presenters will be chosen at the discretion of the ICPHSO Executive Committee.

Timeline:

Deadline for submissions – April 6, 2018

Selection and communication to submitters – April 23, 2018

Questions:

Please email DE Fenton, Regional Workshop Planning Committee Chairman (DFenton@gcalliance.org); Marc Schoem, Executive Director (mschoem@icphso.org) or Belinda May, President (belinda.may@dentons.com)

Submitting Proposals:

Proposals should be submitted to Marc Schoem at mschoem@icphso.org using the ICPHSO proposal submission form located at the end of this message. Please include the following in the Subject Line of the Email: **2018 Northwest Proposal**

[See next page for proposal submission form](#)

ICPHSO Call for Presentations Submission Form

Please complete the form below and submit via email to Marc Schoem at mschoem@icphso.org. List 2018 Northwest Proposal in the Subject Line of the email.

Subject: _____

Title: _____

Description:

Type: _____ Panel Discussion _____ Tutorial _____ Roundtable

Learning Objectives/Relevance to ICPHSO Members: _____

Suggested Presenters and Moderator (provide names and affiliations) (ICPHSO Exec Committee Must Approve all Panelists and Moderators)

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____