

Call for Presentations

2018 ICPHSO Annual Meeting and Training Symposium 25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee



**"Accelerated Change in the Exponential Age:
Learning from History to Make Safer Products in the Future"**

**Tuesday, February 20 through Friday, 23, 2018
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel
Orlando, Florida**

ICPHSO (International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization) is now accepting proposals for presentations at its 2018 Annual Symposium to be held in Orlando, Florida. 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 for general plenary panel sessions, breakout panels, tutorials, round tables or keynotes.

25th Anniversary & Symposium Theme:

Welcome to the Exponential Age where "the only constant is change, and the rate of change is increasing."¹ In recognition of ICPHSO's 25 Anniversary Silver Jubilee, the theme of the 2018 Symposium will highlight the phenomena of history, time, accelerated change and the corresponding impact on consumer product safety.

The theme of this year's program is **"Accelerated Change in the Exponential Age: Learning from History to Make Safer Products in the Future."** We are specifically seeking proposals and suggestions to address topics based on this overall general theme.

The speed of change is a reality facing every stakeholder on the supply chain. **Whether you are a manufacturer, retailer, distributor, consumer, regulator, NGO or service provider, you are impacted by the speed and velocity of change.** Despite this uncertainty, we can explore our **"25 years of shared collaboration"** to learn from historic approaches to product safety, such as risk assessment, standards development, and of course, the landmark legislation known throughout the world as the CPSIA.

We invite you to consider key words and phrases impacting product safety in the Exponential Age, such as "innovation, compressed time to market, disruptive technologies, new or challenger producers and importers,

¹ Diamandis, Peter, and Steven Kotler, *Abundance: The Future Is Better Than You Think*. Free Press, 2012

emerging hazards, recall incentives and reverse logistics, and importantly, the impact of smart, connected consumers, listening advertisers and forward-thinking futurists."

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 in order 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.
- **A maximum of three speakers and one moderator 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 normally only participate in one session during the conference.** However, exceptions may be made 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 ICPHSO Executive Committee will decide on which panel you will speak.
- The Symposium registration fee for the day moderators and/or speakers are on a panel is the only day that registration fees are waived. Moderators and speakers are expected to pay the applicable remaining Symposium registration fee for any other day of the conference they are attending in accordance with ICPHSO policies.
- ICPHSO appreciates and values the contributions of its members and requests that moderators be current ICPHSO members. Again, 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 selections will be made by the ICPHSO Executive Committee. Please note that submission of a proposal is not a guarantee of the proposal being selected or 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. Moderator and presenter suggestions are strongly considered, but moderators and presenters will be chosen at the discretion of the ICPHSO Executive Committee.

Timeline:

Deadline for submissions – July 31, 2017

Selection and communication to submitters – beginning September and October, 2017

Questions:

Please email Marc Schoem, Executive Director (mschoem@icphso.org) or Belinda May, President Elect and 2018 Symposium Chair (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.

See next page for proposal submission form

