



**Abstract Submission OPENS on 14 October 2024
and closes at midnight (EST) on 16 February 2025**

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Welcome! On behalf of the organising committee, you are warmly invited to Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, to participate in the 7th Pacific Rim conference. This is the second joint conference of three outstanding organisations: the International Neuropsychological Society (INS), the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI), and the Australian Psychological Society's College of Clinical Neuropsychologists (CCN). Over the past decade, public interest in brain health has surged, prompting a broader exploration of the factors influencing cognitive and emotional wellbeing. As we expand our understanding of brain health beyond clinical disorders, we must consider the diverse contexts in which individuals live, learn, work, and thrive. This evolution highlights the importance of integrating insights from neuropsychology, public health, social sciences, and community advocacy to promote brain health across all populations. Central to this goal is ensuring access to brain health support is considered from perspectives other than a Western and individualistic worldview that has dominated brain health and brain sciences.

The imperative to ensure equitable access to brain health resources has never been more urgent. Contemporary research highlights that historical, political, and social determinants - such as economic status, education, environment, racism, and systemic inequalities that disproportionately negatively impact minoritised groups (intersectionality) - significantly impact brain health outcomes. It is essential to actively engage in initiatives that foster equity in brain health research and clinical practice. Central to this mission is the call for translational research that not only informs our practices but also empowers communities to prioritize brain health.

Inspired by these considerations and to reflect on the collaborative difference we can make, we are excited to announce our theme: *Brain Health & Intersectionality*.

You are warmly invited to the vibrant metropolitan city of Brisbane to participate in an exciting, multidisciplinary, practically grounded, innovative program of presentations and events, including international and national speakers who will undoubtedly inspire us to reflect on our professions and how we can maximise our impact for people living with brain conditions.

Six half-day workshops will take place on Wednesday 2nd July. A broad range of papers will be presented by renowned international and national speakers on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, and Saturday 5th July. There will also be the INS Presidential Address by Professor Natalia Ojeda del Poso, the ASSBI Presidential Address by A/Professor Barbra Zupan, and a professionally focused address by CCN Chair Dr Kelly Gough. In addition to platform presentations, there will be "how-to" sessions, datablitz presentations, and posters. Lived experience and student sessions will also feature.

We invite multidisciplinary abstract submissions that explore the complex interplay between brain health and social, cultural, political, and historical determinants, innovative interventions, and strategies for optimizing brain health across diverse populations. Contributions may include research with a focus on addressing the needs of minorities and underrepresented groups, including culturally and geographically diverse populations, LGBTQ+ individuals, and neurodiverse populations. Recognising that brain health is a lifelong journey, we encourage submissions that adopt a lifespan perspective, as well as those examining the intersectionality of age with other diversity factors. We welcome content focused on decolonising and Indigenous brain health practices from a multidisciplinary perspective. Additionally, we encourage insights into neuroscience, neuroethics, innovative measurement techniques, novel technological applications, and international collaborations that broaden our understanding of brain health equity.

You are invited to submit an abstract for a 15-minute oral platform presentation, a 5-minute Datablitz, a 30 or 45 minute "How-To" session, and/or a poster. Abstracts covering all facets of understanding and treating brain conditions are encouraged. The conference will cover both clinical and laboratory studies relating to assessment and management of

individuals with brain health challenges across the lifespan. We encourage a particular focus on how scientific evidence can be translated into clinical practice, such as through education and training of clinicians. We welcome abstracts from researchers and health professionals in areas such as neuropsychology, clinical psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, neurology, psychiatry, rehabilitation, recreation, exercise physiology, nursing, medicine, and service coordination.

Join us in this vital conversation as we work together to build a more equitable future for brain health, where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Submitting via CVENT

We are using CVENT for the abstract submission process. This is a four-step process:

First: create an account, using your email address and a password

Second: type the information relating to the abstract in each box including picking up to 3 topics

Third: Complete a word document of the abstract that includes all the required information noted in the **Abstract**

Template including the corresponding author's name and email address. This needs to be in the correct format as they will be published in *JINS* and *Brain Impairment*.

Fourth: Upload the completed abstract

Information regarding abstract submission

- Abstracts may be submitted for **Platform, Datablitz (5 minute oral plus poster), "How to" session, or Poster** presentation formats (please see complete details in the section below). Prospective presenters are invited to indicate their preferred presentation format, although the final decision will be made by the conference co-chairs.
- All abstracts must consist of original work. Abstracts that have been previously published should not be submitted.
- All research, results, and conclusions should be final at the time of submission.
- There is no limitation on the number of submissions by one author; however, authors are asked to use discretion since submitting multiple abstracts may create scheduling problems.
- All submissions will be peer reviewed. The Program Committee Chairs will make the final decision on all submissions.
- Accepted abstracts must be presented at the conference by an author designated on the abstract. Any authors who will attend the conference must register for the conference and pay the appropriate conference registration fee.
- Abstracts that are accepted and presented at the conference will be available for delegates via the Smartphone App and on the conference website.
- Abstracts will be published in INS's journal *JINS* and ASSBI's journal *Brain Impairment*, as well as on the conference app exactly as submitted. Please proofread carefully before finalising your abstract submission. NOTE: If you do not attach your abstract, it will not be reviewed and there will be ONE reminder only.
- There will be INS and ASSBI student awards presented, so your student status should be included when submitting your abstract. **To be eligible for the ASSBI Awards you must be an ASSBI Student Member, attend the conference, and present.**

Presentation Formats:

1. **Platform sessions:** Platform sessions comprise individual oral presentations, which are scheduled together with other thematically related platform papers at the discretion of the Program Committee Chair. Between four and six individually submitted abstracts will be chosen for each session. Each abstract will be allotted 15 minutes for oral presentation and audience discussion. A moderator will rigorously adhere to these time limits to allow time for discussion.
2. **Datablitz sessions:** Datablitz sessions include a 5-minute oral presentation and a Poster. The speaker will give a 5-minute presentation and then attend their poster in the poster session to discuss further with delegates. If you are allocated a Datablitz presentation you will be sent instructions on how to structure your PowerPoint presentation and Poster.
3. **"How to" sessions:** These are 30 or 45-minute sessions in which a leading practitioner will briefly give an update on a specific assessment or therapeutic approach, providing an opportunity for attendees to learn new skills. Note that the layout for this submission differs from other presentation types and can be found further down this document. It is important that the session's learning objectives and the level of experience of the intended audience are clearly identified.
4. **Poster sessions:** The poster format has proven to be an effective and popular method for communication of scientific information. Poster sessions will be designed to provide a more intimate forum for informal discussion than is permitted by regular platform presentations. Poster presenters will stay with their poster for the duration of the poster session and are encouraged to bring handouts for interested viewers. The posters must be A0 portrait size (841 × 1189 mm).

Submissions must be formatted according to the following guidelines:

- **Maximum 2,500 characters (includes spaces and abstract structure only – not author information)**
- **PLEASE DO NOT TYPE THE WORDS Title, Authors, Affiliations and Abstract.** These are headings so you know what to put into your abstract.
- All abbreviations should be written in full the first time.
- Single line spacing, Calibri, 11pt
- **Title:** sentence case and bold; i.e.
Brain Health and Intersectionality
- **Authors:** sentence case - surname, first name, superscript for affiliations; i.e.
Fleming, Jenny¹; Pike, Kerry²; Kamminga, Jody³ and Oxenham, Vince⁴
- **Affiliations:** sentence case - department, institution, city, country; i.e.
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² School of Applied Psychology, Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia
³ Transforming Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing, School of Indigenous Studies, University of Western Australia
⁴ School of Psychological Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
- **Abstract:** structured abstract with the following headings in sentence case and bold i.e.
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Method: typing typing typing
Results: typing typing typing
Conclusions: typing typing typing
- Correspondence: Corresponding author and email address; i.e.
Correspondence: Margaret Eagers; admin@mersevents.com

Examples of how to format each type of abstract are included below. **Word versions of abstracts should be attached to all submissions to allow publication in JINS and Brain Impairment.** Single line spacing should be used for all abstracts.

Layout for Oral, Datablitz, and Poster abstracts:

Brain Health and Intersectionality

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Layout for “How to” session abstracts:

Brain Health Equity: Addressing the Person in Context

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Synopsis of session: One or two short paragraphs

Level aimed for: Basic, Intermediate, Experienced

Learning objectives: List at least 2 learning outcomes delegates can expect to obtain after attending this session

Biography: A short bio of each presenter – one short paragraph

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All inquiries regarding the conference should be referred to [Margaret Eagers](#). Before contacting Margaret, please ensure you have carefully read this document to check if it contains the answer to your question.

Notification of acceptance will be sent at the end of March 2025.

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