

ALLIED PROFESSIONALS' FORUM



7 December 2009
Berlin, Germany



International Alliance of
ALS/MND Associations

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Symposium and International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations will be holding a one-day Allied Professionals' Forum in Berlin, Germany on 7 December 2009. This seminar is specifically for allied health and social care professionals, and will be held between the International Alliance meeting (5-6 December) and International Symposium (8-10 December).

Make a difference to people with ALS/MND, and those that care for them by sharing your experiences and knowledge

The rapid and relentless progression of ALS/MND poses huge problems of adjustment for people with ALS/MND, escalating burden on carers and families and a real challenge to health and social care professionals in their ability to provide effective and responsive care management across agency boundaries.

That's why it is so important for health and social care professionals to help each other by sharing good practice. The International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations wants health and social care professionals to come to Berlin and present their experiences in an informal setting to their international peers.

The aim of the day is to foster the exchange of information and good practice in order to facilitate the achievement of the highest standard of care for people with ALS/MND and their caregivers.

- **Has your allied professional team developed innovative solutions to clinical management problems, volunteer involvement, support for staff or developed ways to maximise the involvement of palliative care services?**

With the challenges posed in managing ALS/MND, the programme committee is particularly interested in receiving abstracts that:

- provide practical management strategies
- provide opportunities to reflect on options and solutions
- stimulate understanding and learning, and the ability to translate this into day-to-day practice
- reflect international differences and similarities in care management

Key themes 2009

- Development and /or implementation of care pathways
- Integrating palliative care across service boundaries to ensure enhanced services for people living with ALS/MND
- Innovative approaches to difficult clinical issues
- Involving volunteers in service development and/or provision
- Translating research information into effective understandable information for patients
- Equipment assessment, processes and provisions
- Practical approaches to effective support for staff involved in the care of people with ALS/MND

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

- Abstracts must be in English, font size 11 and not more than 400 words in length. Authors must provide telephone, fax and e-mail contact details, to which all Allied Professional Forum correspondence will be sent.
- Abstracts must be presented using the following format: Background, Objectives, Clinical Outcomes, Programme Descriptions, Recommendations to the Field.
- If the abstract is being submitted by a team, one person only should be identified as the presenter by underlining the name.
- All abstracts, including full contact details must be submitted via email to alliance@alsmndalliance.org.
- Any queries regarding the submission of abstracts should be sent to heidi.macleod@mndassociation.org

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS
18 May 2009**

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