

A monochromatic blue-toned photograph of a London street scene at night. The River Thames is in the foreground, with a bridge crossing it. In the background, the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben) and other historic buildings are visible, some with lights on. A large red and white diagonal graphic element is in the bottom right corner.

**Innovation  
in Rehabilitation:  
Building Better Futures**

**CALL  
FOR  
PAPERS**

London, UK  
22-27 October 2017

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The ICPA Programme Committee invites individuals, agencies and organisations interested in presenting papers at the Association's 2017 Annual Conference to submit abstracts aligned to our 19th Annual Conference theme: "Innovation in Rehabilitation: Building Better Futures"

The conference, hosted by Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) will be held in London, United Kingdom, from October 22-27, 2017. With members from over 80 countries, the ICPA Conference is the foremost annual international gathering for correctional officials to 'learn from each other.'

The Committee anticipates a conference agenda that reflects a strong focus on contemporary approaches, ideas and technologies in relation to the rehabilitation of offenders and their reintegration into the community. The Committee is particularly interested in proposals that can provide a holistic overview of a program, service or strategy. For example, a presentation of a program, may include co-author speakers with one addressing applied research findings and the other reviewing the results found by the practitioners who applied and implemented a practice based on the research. Any new technology to support the initiative could also be highlighted.

The ICPA Programme Committee welcomes abstracts, related to the conference theme from a wide range of presenters including:

**1** | Various international agencies and/or consultants

**2** | Justice officials

**3** | Practitioners

**4** | Scholars and academics

**5** | The non-governmental sector

**6** | The private sector

Abstracts concerning the following related topics are especially called for:

Inspiring and empowering people to try new ideas, approaches and technologies

Implementing new ways of learning, sharing, networking and collaborating with corrections services around the world

Evaluating innovative programs to understand impact and determine broader application

Applying change management models in community-based and physically secure, or staff secure custodial settings

Building supportive partnerships to deliver effective and combined services

Regarding innovation as a long-term strategy rather than a short-term fix

Looking at other sectors as a source of inspiration to develop creative solutions to operational challenges

Sharing experience of what worked and what didn't work well in the development of new projects/pilots

Adopting continuous improvement across all programs and services

Developing a culture where rehabilitation is at the heart of relevant decision making

Developing offender centred programs and services

Using innovative alternative ways of delivering sentences of the court

It is the policy of the ICPA and its programme committee that presenters may not promote their own commercial products and services during any presentation. This does not however exclude describing the manner in which some aspect of correctional functions can be undertaken or the infrastructure, technology and processes that may be considered for use.

In selecting abstracts, priority will be given to those that are clearly related to the Conference theme. Abstracts should indicate clearly in what way the proposed presentation will be related to the theme. Papers that do not address the conference theme in any manner will be given the lowest level of consideration, provided that schedule time is available after priority selections.

Papers are presented in plenary sessions, workshops, panel presentations and roundtables. Presenters are asked to indicate their preferred presentation type and the reasons for this preference. Those who wish their submission to be considered for a plenary session must provide clear reasons for this preference including how it relates to the theme of the conference. For those wanting to create an interactive debate and discussion with a smaller audience, the successful Roundtable format should be considered.

Acceptance of abstracts will be based on relevance to the conference theme, quality of the abstract, evidence of innovation and of a strong research or objective empirical base. The Programme Committee is keen to receive team presentations where this approach provides for a holistic overview of an innovative program or practice.

The working language of the conference is English. If you wish to present in a language other than English you are asked to provide your own interpreter.

Guidelines and forms for submitting abstract proposals can be found at [www.icpa.ca](http://www.icpa.ca).

Submissions are to be made in English, including:

- The abstract submission form completed in its entirety. Please keep this **concise** and to the point (absolutely **no longer than 1 page**);
- A short ½ page or less professional biography/resume for the author and co-author(s) intending to participate in the presentation.

Once you have completed all of the fields you should click the “submit abstract” button. All correspondence will be with the primary author, including any request we have for further information.

## Timeline

<b>30 April 2017</b>	<b>Closing date for submission of abstracts.</b>
<b>1-21 May 2017</b>	<b>Review of Abstracts</b>
<b>31 May 2017</b>	<b>Notification of primary authors of the acceptance or otherwise of abstracts. NB: Acceptance at this stage does not include advice about format or date of presentation.</b>
<b>30 June 2017</b>	<b>Notification of primary authors of the format, duration, date and location of their respective presentations. They also receive a copy of the Program Schedule.</b>

NB: Abstracts are accepted on the basis that the potential speakers are available for the full 4 days of the conference (23 – 26 October) and the program is developed on this assumption. Changes to the program will only be made where unavoidable circumstances arise and only when any adjustment to the program does not disturb the integrity of programming.

Please note that ICPA does not provide financial support or assistance for speakers. All presenters will be required to cover their own expenses for conference registration fees, travel and accommodation. Accepted presenters must register for the Conference to be included on the programme.



Any questions or further information can be obtained at [www.icpa.ca/london2017](http://www.icpa.ca/london2017)