

2nd Call for abstracts

Physical activity and sport require adequate environments!

Indoor and outdoor sports facilities, as well as infrastructures for self-organized physical activity such as parks, lanes or open landscape are major resources for physical activity and sport all over Europe.

Prof. Abby King, Stanford University, and Prof. Neville Owen, School of Population Health, The University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia will be keynote speaker at the conference POIN 2010 "Policies and Infrastructures for Physical Activity and Sports: Good Practice in Europe". The conference will present new EU-guidelines on improving infrastructures for physical activity and sport. These guidelines were developed in the EU-project IMPALA. Examples of good practice will be put up for discussion at the event from European as well as from non-European countries. The conference will offer opportunities for exchange of experience and information to policy makers and key stakeholders in fields such as sport, health, urban and spatial planning.

Topics for submission

POIN 2010 welcomes abstracts that demonstrate good practice and innovative approaches in improving infrastructures for leisure-time physical activity in the local arena. Submissions can deal with overall policies and strategies that provide good practice or concrete mechanisms and instruments for improving these infrastructures. In particular, abstracts to be handed in should present *examples of good practice and innovative approaches* in a) planning, b) building, c) financing or d) managing of sport facilities or leisure-time infrastructures with specific opportunities for physical activity or urban and natural space that can be used for leisure-time physical activity. Submissions should contribute to enlarge the base for defining good practice criteria for improving infrastructures for leisure-time physical activity in the local arena.

Who should submit abstracts?

Representatives of public administration, policymakers, researchers, experts of sport associations, and other institutions and groups involved in decision-making about infrastructures for leisure-time physical activity can submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations that address the POIN 2010 themes and objectives.

Presentation formats

- oral presentations
- posters

Guidelines for abstract submission for oral and poster formats

1. Abstracts can be made vial E-mail only.
2. The abstract should be submitted as a Microsoft Word, Macintosh pages or pdf format document.
3. Submissions must be in English language.
4. Abstracts must contain no more than 300 words of text.
5. For each presenter, please provide: name, degrees, affiliation, postal address, email address, and phone number. These items are not included in the 300 word limit.
6. For all other authors you are only required to provide name, affiliation, and email address.
7. You are strongly encouraged to compose the abstract text in your own word processor before submitting it online. Be sure to check spelling, word count, and conformance with the guidelines given below.
8. The Committee will provide assistance with developing an abstract upon request.

Abstract evaluation

Each submission will be evaluated by the organising committee on the basis of the following criteria:

- ❖ originality and creativity;
- ❖ clarity of content;
- ❖ comprehensive concept of development of leisure-time physical activity infrastructures
- ❖ sound definition of infrastructures for leisure-time physical activity
- ❖ contribution to good practice criteria
- ❖ linking leisure-time physical activity infrastructures to other sectors, e.g. health promotion, urban planning, equity, transport, or sustainable development
- ❖ linking practice, policy and research.

Excellent submissions will be selected the conference publication, edited/issued by the German Olympic Sports Federation. Detailed information will be provided to accepted submissions prior to the conference.

Please send your abstracts to:

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Deadlines and important dates

September 5th, 2010 Abstract submission of the 2nd call closes