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**INFANT MENTAL HEALTH**  
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# CALL FOR POSTERS

## WAIMH

2024 Interim World Congress

5-7 June 2024

Tampere, Finland

Looking for the best care for babies,  
young children, and their families



# Invitation from the WAIMH President

## WAIMH Interim Congress

5-7 June 2024 Tampere, Finland

**Congress theme: “Looking for the Best Care for Babies, Young Children and Their Families”**

We are excited to announce that the interim WAIMH World Congress for Infant Mental Health will be held in Tampere, Finland on the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This is an interim Congress as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Brisbane and the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Dublin and disrupted the rhythm of our biennial Congress. This interim smaller congress in Tampere will bring our biennial Congress into the previous rhythm of even-numbered years.

We are inviting WAIMH members and all those in infant and family mental health working with infants, young children, and families to submit poster presentations around the theme as to how we can provide the best mental health services for infants, young children, and their families in today's complex world. We will be interested in posters which represent your recent scientific and research, clinical or advocacy activities.

There are huge discrepancies in the quality of infant and relationship mental health and safety around the world with major social, economic impacting upon the infant and parent relationship between different countries, and within individual nations.

We are planning an exciting series of plenary presentations, but without any parallel sessions.

We invite you to submit a poster about your research and clinical work and ideas following the themes of the Congress. There will be an award for the best poster presentation in the Congress.

Under the general theme of best care for infants and families, there are five themes:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Infants, Young Children and Families of First Nations Peoples
- Infants in Crisis Situations
- Nordic Services in Infant Mental Health
- Other

Accepted poster abstracts will be published and included in a special Congress edition of the Infant Mental Health Journal.

We have much to learn about important and diverse community structures, mental health and social needs of infants and families from the world's First Nations peoples and our most populous countries.

In Finland, and many other countries, parents and their newborn baby receive a “baby box”, with some clothing, baby, essential care supplies, and the box itself which can function as a beginning crib. This is as a concrete gesture of support for the exciting and awesome tasks ahead for parents.

We invite Congress participants to submit a poster or images of what might be available to support

families in your area of the world, or your country. This may form a separate poster display at the Congress.

The Congress will be working closely with the Nordic WAIMH affiliate and colleagues.

There will be Invited Plenary Presentations on June 5, 6 & 7, and opportunities to view



and discuss the many poster presentations in the breaks on these days.

The Congress language will be English.

There may be a pre-Congress opportunity to meet with Finnish and other Nordic professionals working within the field of early childhood.

We look forward to seeing many colleagues working with infants and families from across the world at our Interim Congress in Finland. Tampere is a wonderful train ride through the Finnish countryside directly from Helsinki airport. We are planning an opening ceremony at that Tampere Congress Hall, a welcome reception at the City Hall nearby, and a congress dinner at the Vapriikki Museum. The famed Moomin Museum is located at the Congress Hall. We are sure that you will have wonderful time in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Again, on behalf of the Board of WAIMH, we invite you to join us in exploring developments in infant mental health in Tampere, Finland, next year.

**Campbell Paul**

President of WAIMH



## Instructions for the Submission of Abstracts

**Abstract submission deadline: Friday 15 December 2023, 23:59 BST**

### Posters are invited under the following themes

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
- Infants, Young Children and Families of First Nations Peoples
- Infants in Crisis Situations
- Nordic Services in Infant Mental Health
- Other

### Abstract Submission Details

- Only abstracts submitted in English will be reviewed.

- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words (excluding the title, authors and affiliations) and should follow the instructions within the abstract submission portal.
- The theme of the abstract must be selected at the time of submission. Within each theme, you can submit either a scientific or clinical abstract.
- Each abstract type has different structure requirements.
- Abstracts should not contain any tables or figures.
- References in the text have to be cited at the end of the abstract and are included in the 300-word count.

- The use of abbreviations and acronyms should be kept to a minimum.
- Commercial presentations are not permitted.
- Presenting author to be the first named author on the abstract.
- Notification will be emailed only to the presenting author.
- For an abstract to be formally accepted, included in the program, and the abstracts supplement, the presenting author must be registered and paid to attend the Conference.
- A maximum of one abstract can be submitted per presenting author. Make note there is no limit for abstracts submitted as a co-author; only as presenting author.

## Abstract Type

Abstracts submitted as Scientific abstracts should be organized under the following headings:

- INTRODUCTION
- AIM of the study
- MATERIAL and METHODS
- CONCLUSIONS

Abstracts submitted as Clinical abstracts should be organized under the following headings:

- INTRODUCTION
- AIMS or PURPOSE of the project or work described
- DESCRIPTION of the work or project
- CONCLUSIONS

## Abstract Submission Portal

- All abstracts must be submitted through the online submission portal:  
<https://www.conftool.org/waimh2024/>
- Contact address: [waimh2024@tavicon.fi](mailto:waimh2024@tavicon.fi)

For more information on the WAIMH 2024 Interim World Congress, please visit the Congress webpage:  
<https://waimh.org/page/waimh2024>.

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