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Call for Abstracts

Planetary Health Annual Meeting and Festival

25-30 April 2021

São Paulo, Brazil (virtually)

Abstract submission deadline:

January 6, 2021, 24:00 EST

Planetary health is the health and well-being of people and the planet's natural systems. This emerging field of applied research, policy, and practice, presents an intentional and catalytic effort to take on one of the greatest challenges the world has faced. It seeks to characterize the impact of human-caused disruptions of Earth's natural systems on our health and well-being. Planetary health also offers solutions-oriented approaches, bridging different disciplines and sectors, and learning from past successes and failures.

In April 2021, [The University of São Paulo](#) and [The Planetary Health Alliance](#) will virtually convene scientists, policymakers, civil-society and private-sector representatives, and others to learn about these complex relationships, seek solutions, and build skills for action and change. Due to the pandemic, the [2021 Planetary Health Annual Meeting](#) will mostly be a virtual meeting. However, technology is on our side, allowing us to host more than 3,000 global attendees using a “virtual show” platform that will include live panels, keynote speeches, interviews, a lounge for the audience, and more. It will be much more than just a series of webinars and will allow for plentiful interaction amongst attendees.

[Abstracts](#) are encouraged to be submitted from any discipline relevant to planetary health. We welcome submissions by researchers, clinicians, practitioners, educators, students, artists, and others describing a study that has recently been conducted, or a project or initiative currently in process. Please visit the [PHA website](#) to peruse relevant themes.

Authors of all accepted abstracts will be required to submit in advance a poster file (PDF) and a short video (MP4 file, up to 5 minutes long) that will be made available on the conference website. During the conference, we will host a poster session in which attendees will be able to interact virtually with poster authors via our virtual conference platform.

From among the submitted **abstracts related to research studies**, five abstracts for each of the highlighted themes — Mental Health, Food and Nutrition, Non-communicable Diseases, Infectious Diseases, and Displacement and Conflict — will also be selected to present a live lightning talk, followed by a brief Question & Answer session. A selected group of research abstracts, chosen from among lightning talks and posters, will also be



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published by *The Lancet Planetary Health* in a Special Issue of top abstracts from the Planetary Health Annual Meeting.

Guidelines for all abstracts. Abstracts should be in English, 300 words maximum, and contain no references, tables or figures.

Guidelines for Research Study abstracts. Research abstracts should present detailed information on study design, methods, and results, even if preliminary. Attention should be given to describing the impact of a change in the structure or function of a natural system(s) on a dimension (or dimensions) of human health.

Please supply a title which includes a study descriptor if appropriate (e.g., randomized), and lay out your abstract under the following headings:

- Background (including context and aim)
- Methods
- Findings
- Interpretation

Reports of randomized trials should follow the CONSORT extension for abstracts.

More details on abstract guidelines may be found at:

<https://www.thelancet.com/pb-assets/Lancet/authors/tlplanet-info-for-authors.pdf>

Guidelines for Education, Community, Art, or Policy Project abstracts. Submissions should briefly describe the project/initiative concept and details, its target audience, the goals you hope to achieve and results obtained. Education, Community (outreach, engagement, or organization), Art, or Policy Project-related abstracts will only be eligible for poster session presentations.

Abstracts for projects that are entirely conceptual (i.e. have not yet begun and have no designated start date) or those advertising commercial products will not be accepted. The submission deadline is **24:00 EST, 6 January 2021**. Notification of acceptance will be given by **12 February 2021**. Please submit abstracts [here](#).

Interested in attending the Annual Meeting? Sign up to receive updates and registration information at <https://planetaryhealthannualmeeting.com>.