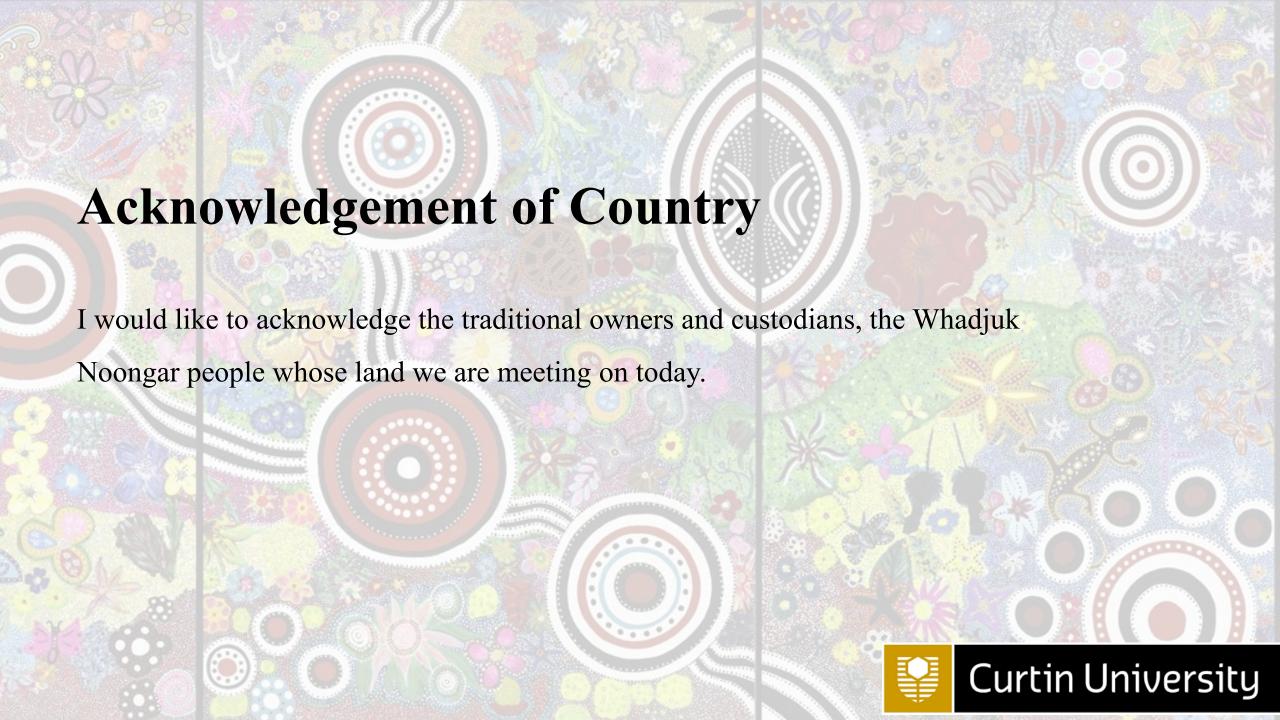


Navigating conferences: From planning to networking

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Navigating the conference jungle





1st thing you will need is a map...

- 1. Dissemination
 - 2. What is a conference, and why attend one?

7. Attending the conference

3. Finding a conference & submitting an abstract



4. Accepting your presentation

5. Paperwork @ Curtin



6. Checking the conference program

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1. Dissemination



Dissemination is the act of making research findings available to the broader community

- Publishing in academic journals
- Sharing via online platforms & social media
- Engaging with media
- Presenting at conferences and seminars

*This is needed for a part of Milestone 2 (dissemination plan)





Why Disseminate Your Research?

- 1. Visibility and Impact
- 2. Feedback and Improvement
- 3. Collaboration Opportunities
 - 4. Career Advancement



2. What is a Conference and Why Attend One?





What is a Conference- Why Attend One?

 An event, typically over 1+ days, where participants engage in discussions, presentations, and networking focused on a specific academic or professional field.

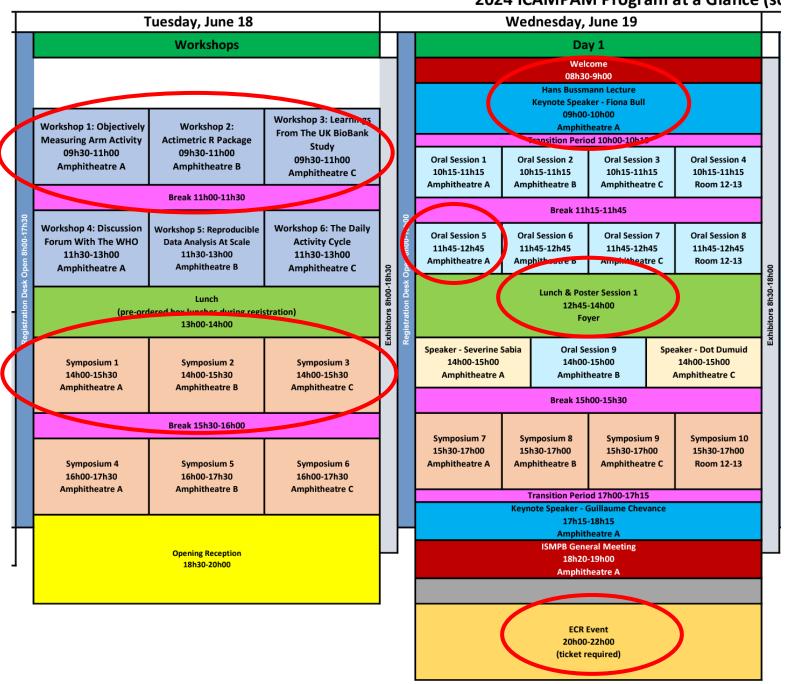
 The main goals are to disseminate research findings, foster collaborations, and advance knowledge within the field.



Typical structure of a conference

- Keynote Sessions: Featured talks leading experts in the field.
- Symposia & Panel Discussions: Interactive sessions.
- Oral Presentations: Individual researchers present their work to an audience.
- Poster Sessions: Researchers display posters and engage with attendees.
- Workshops and Tutorials: Hands-on focused on skill development/ practical knowledge.
- Networking Events: Social activities designed to facilitate interaction among attendees.

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Benefits of Conference Attendance



Showcase Your PhD Work

- Visibility
- Feedback
- Recognition

Networking Opportunities

- Potential Collaborators
- Future Employers
- Expand Your Network



Learn New Skills

- Latest Research
- Workshops
- Diverse Perspectives



Get Inspired

- Motivation
- Ideas
- Trends







3. Finding a conference & submitting an abstract



The Compass to Conferences: Consultation with the Wise Elders

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- Different societies in the field
 - Ask supervisors & fellow researchers
 - Read journals- check the society webpage
- Plan and look at when these conferences are held – make sure it matches your timeline
 - Discussion with supervisors
- Consider your finances if it's an international conference



The Abstract Oasis

 Subscribing to conference updates and note key dates.

- Typical Types of Presentations
 - 1. **Symposiums**: get your team together quickly and propose your idea
 - 2. Workshops: demonstrate a novel method/approach
 - 3. Oral presentations
 - 4. Posters





Abstract submission

- The Submission Pathway (e.g.)
 - https://abstract.aspactivity.org/
- Checking rules word count
- Noting requirements
 - How many can you be involved in?
 - How many abstracts can you submit?
 - Is there a charge?
- Informing co-authors





4. If your work is accepted...





Acceptance of your work

- Inform co-authors
- Planning your Attendance
 - What implications for your work?
 - Teaching commitments?
- Registering
- Arranging travel
 - Accommodation
 - Flights





Additional activities around the conference time

- Potential tag-along visits to universities or labs close to the conference venue
 - Tag-along workshops
 - Opportunities to present a seminar
 - Meet a collaborator





5. Paperwork at Curtin



Paperwork

- If eligible, apply for a dissemination grant / engagement grant (once only): cover or substitute all costs relating to the conference (flights, accommodation, registration, workshops)
- Apply via Curtin Travel Operations Portal (TOP)
 - Application will go to your supervisor and HOS
 - Detailed travel diary
- Visa requirements + travel insurance





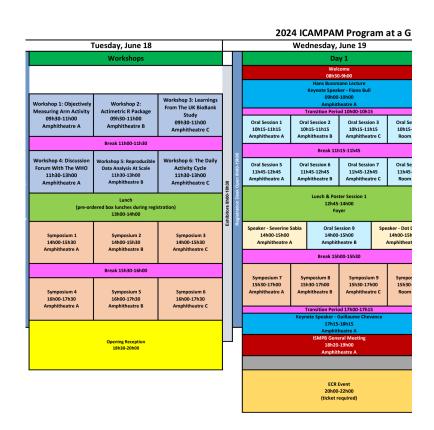
6. Checking the program





Check the full conference program

- Additional workshops at the conference
- Social events for PhD or ECRs
- Social events as a part of the conference
- Highlight the sessions you'd like to go to
- Conference app / paper program



2024 ICAMPAM Program at a Glance (so Tuesday, June 18 Wednesday, June 19 Workshops Day 1 Welcome 08h30-9h00 Hans Bussmann Lecture **Keynote Speaker - Fiona Bull** 09h00-10h00 Workshop 3: Learnings Workshop 1: Objectively Workshop 2: **Amphitheatre A** From The UK BioBank Transition Period 10h00-10h15 Measuring Arm Activity Actimetric R Package Study 09h30-11h00 09h30-11h00 Oral Session 1 Oral Session 2 09h30-11h00 **Oral Session 3 Oral Session 4** Amphitheatre A Amphitheatre B 10h15-11h15 10h15-11h15 10h15-11h15 10h15-11h15 Amphitheatre C Amphitheatre A Amphitheatre B Amphitheatre C Room 12-13 Break 11h00-11h30 Break 11h15-11h45 Workshop 4: Discussion Workshop 6: The Daily Workshop 5: Reproducible Oral Session 6 **Oral Session 7 Oral Session 8** Oral S Forum With The WHO Data Analysis At Scale **Activity Cycle** 11h45 11h45-12h45 11h45-12h45 11h45-12h45 11h30-13h00 11h30-13h00 11h30-13h00 Amphit Amphitheatre B Amphitheatre C Room 12-13 **Amphitheatre B** Amphitheatre A Amphitheatre C



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 AT 10H15-11H15

ORAL SESSION #1

CLINICAL POPULATIONS 1

- 0.1.1 The Relationship Between Gait Capacity and Gait Performance in Neurological Patients
- 0.1.2 Wearable Sensors Can Capture Changes in Turning Mobility in Daily Life After Mtbi Rehabilitation
- 0.1.3 Alterations in the Daily Living Gait and Mobility During the Day and Night Among Individuals With Cerebellar Ataxia, SCA3: An Exploratory Study
- 0.1.4 Associations Between Real World Gait and Pain in Individuals Scheduled for Knee Arthroplasty: Feasibility Study
- 0.1.5 Exploring the Relationship Between Fragmentation and Circadian Rhythm of Daily-Living Physical Activity, Functional System Disability Scores, and Physical Fatigue in People Wit

12h45-14h00





7. Attending the conference





You've finally made it to the conference

- Conference buddy
 - Supervisors, other PhDs

- Attend as many sessions as possible
 - It can be VERY tiring but try your best to attend the sessions





Networking tips

Networking at a conference can be a valuable opportunity for PhD students to build connections, gain insights, and advance their careers.













Prepare in Advance

Set Goals

Create an Elevator Pitch Engage in Sessions

Use Social Media Attend Social Events



Networking tips











Network Actively Follow Up

Use Professional Platforms Present Your Work Be Yourself, Be Brave! Be Authentic! Be Confident!



Thankyou