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# ***Navigating conferences: From planning to networking***



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# Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, the Whadjuk Noongar people whose land we are meeting on today.



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# *Navigating the conference jungle*



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1. Dissemination



1<sup>st</sup> thing you will need is a map...

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

7. Attending the conference

3. Finding a conference & submitting an abstract

5. Paperwork @ Curtin



4. Accepting your presentation

6. Checking the conference program



SOUTHERN OCEAN

ANTARCTICA





A stylized, hand-drawn map of Australia, overlaid with a grid. The map features various geographical and cultural elements: a kangaroo in the center, a koala in the top left, and a train in the top right. Labels include 'The Mighty River', 'Tunnels', 'Canyon', 'From The Deep', 'The Transporter', and 'The Tawny'. A red 'X' marks a location near 'From The Deep'. The map is part of a larger graphic with a white curved shape on the left and a black bar at the top right containing the Curtin University logo and name.

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# ***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.

# 2024 ICAMPAM Program at a Glance (st



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Tuesday, June 18				Wednesday, June 19			
Registration Desk Open 8h00-17h30  							



# ***Benefits of Conference Attendance***



## **Showcase Your PhD Work**

- Visibility
- Feedback
- Recognition

## **Networking Opportunities**

- Potential Collaborators
- Future Employers
- Expand Your Network



## **Get Inspired**

- Motivation
- Ideas
- Trends



## **Learn New Skills**

- Latest Research
- Workshops
- Diverse Perspectives





# ***3. Finding a conference & submitting an abstract***







# ***The Compass to Conferences: Consultation with the Wise Elders***

- 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***

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- 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***

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- The Submission Pathway (e.g.)
  - <https://abstract.aspackivity.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*

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



# ***Additional activities around the conference time***

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







# Paperwork

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- 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

Tuesday, June 18			2024 ICAMPAM Program at a G			
Workshops			Wednesday, June 19			
			Day 1			
			Welcome 08h30-9h00			
			Hans Bussmann Lecture Keynote Speaker - Fiona Bull 09h00-10h00 Amphitheatre A			
			Transition Period 10h00-10h15			
Workshop 1: Objectively Measuring Arm Activity 09h30-11h00 Amphitheatre A	Workshop 2: Actimetric R Package 09h30-11h00 Amphitheatre B	Workshop 3: Learnings From The UK BioBank Study 09h30-11h00 Amphitheatre C	Oral Session 1 10h15-11h15 Amphitheatre A	Oral Session 2 10h15-11h15 Amphitheatre B	Oral Session 3 10h15-11h15 Amphitheatre C	Oral Se 10h15- Room
Break 11h00-11h30			Break 11h15-11h45			
Workshop 4: Discussion Forum With The WHO 11h30-13h00 Amphitheatre A	Workshop 5: Reproducible Data Analysis At Scale 11h30-13h00 Amphitheatre B	Workshop 6: The Daily Activity Cycle 11h30-13h00 Amphitheatre C	Oral Session 5 11h45-12h45 Amphitheatre A	Oral Session 6 11h45-12h45 Amphitheatre B	Oral Session 7 11h45-12h45 Amphitheatre C	Oral Se 11h45- Room
Lunch (pre-ordered box lunches during registration) 13h00-14h00			Lunch & Poster Session 1 12h45-14h00 Foyer			
Symposium 1 14h00-15h30 Amphitheatre A	Symposium 2 14h00-15h30 Amphitheatre B	Symposium 3 14h00-15h30 Amphitheatre C	Speaker - Severine Sabia 14h00-15h00 Amphitheatre A	Oral Session 9 14h00-15h00 Amphitheatre B	Speaker - Dot I 14h00-15h Amphitheatre	
Break 15h30-16h00			Break 15h00-15h30			
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Opening Reception 18h30-20h00			Transition Period 17h00-17h15			
			Keynote Speaker - Guillaume Chevance 17h15-18h15 Amphitheatre A			
			ISMPB General Meeting 18h20-19h00 Amphitheatre A			
			ECR Event 20h00-22h00 (ticket required)			



Tuesday, June 18

## Workshops

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Amphitheatre A

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09h30-11h00  
Amphitheatre B

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Wednesday, June 19

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Amphitheatre B

Oral Session 7  
11h45-12h45  
Amphitheatre C

Oral Session 8  
11h45-12h45  
Room 12-13

12h45-14h00

## 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 With

20h00-22h00  
(ticket required)



# *7. Attending the conference*



# ***You've finally made it to the conference***

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- 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!

***Thank you***