



SEVENTH INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

**COMMUNICATION, MEDICINE & ETHICS  
(COMET)**

**Health Communication Research Centre  
CARDIFF UNIVERSITY**

**25 - 27 JUNE 2009**

The conference aims to bring together scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds involving various healthcare specialities and the human and social sciences. A special emphasis will be on the dissemination of ongoing research in discourse/communication studies and practical ethics which engages directly with healthcare practitioners.

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A Summer School is being planned around the COMET conference.

For current research in this growing area, see 'Communication & Medicine'  
<http://www.equinoxjournals.com/ojs/index.php/CAM>

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS (COMET 2009)**

Proposals (individual papers, posters, workshops and colloquia) are invited on all areas of the conference, including the following themes:

- Client-professional Encounters (involving doctors, counsellors, nurses, pharmacists, psychotherapists etc)
- Communicating Risk and Uncertainty
- Communication Skills Training and Problem-based Learning
- Distributed Expertise among Professionals and Clients
- Ethics and Communication
- Health and Disability
- Health and the Lifespan
- Health Literacy
- Identities and Experiences of Illness
- Interpreter Mediated Healthcare Delivery
- Interprofessional Communication and Hospital Management Systems
- Media and Health Communication
- Medical Education
- Nature of Evidence in Diagnosis and Non-Diagnosis
- Public Understanding of Health and Illness
- Quality of Life and Quality of Care
- Representation of the Body
- Role of Health Technologies and Medical Informatics
- (Shared) Decision Making
- Tailoring Health Messages
- Telemedicine
- Values and Responsibilities in Professional Practice

Individual paper/poster proposals should be within 250 words, and proposals for colloquia and workshops should be within 500 words.

***Deadline for Abstracts: 15 January 2009***