

COMET 2012

Trondheim, Norway
28–30 June 2012

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.

Guidelines for Submission of Proposals

Proposal submission deadline: 16 January 2012

Online Submission

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHJRa1BSZmlOeXUxS2Nma1hEMEZlMGc6MQ>

Proposals may be in one of the three following categories:

(1) colloquium, (2) paper presentation (oral or poster), or (3) 'work in progress' for roundtable discussion.

Proposals that address one or more of the following themes are particularly encouraged.

- Client-professional Encounters (involving doctors, counsellors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, speech and language therapists, psychotherapists etc)
- Communicating Risk and Uncertainty
- Communication Skills Training
- 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
- Research Ethics
- Role of Health Technologies and Medical Informatics
- (Shared) Decision Making
- Tailoring Health Messages
- Telemedicine
- Values and Responsibilities in Professional Practice

Important Note:

- All submissions will be received electronically via the designated link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dHJRa1BSZmlOeXUxS2Nma1hEMEZlMGc6MQ>
- Following successful submission, an automatic acknowledgement will be sent
- Make sure to fill in names, titles, full institutional affiliations of the first-named (presenting) author and collaborating authors
- Provide contact email address and phone number for the presenting author
- Indicate the category (colloquia, paper presentation, work-in-progress) of your proposal
- Select up to three conference themes listed above
- For all presentations, the presenting authors must register for the conference by a date to be announced later

1) Colloquia: Colloquia should address a common theme, content or methodological area, and will be scheduled for 90 minutes. Typically, there would be 3-4 individual abstracts in each colloquia, allowing plenty of time for discussion and for facilitative overview of common themes.

Colloquia Submission Process: Please provide an overall description (no more than 250 words) tying together all the papers to be presented. Provide information on colloquium leader, affiliation and e-mail. Then include individual abstracts following the guidelines for paper presentations below.

Colloquia Selection Criteria: The criteria for evaluation of colloquia are as follows: relevance to issues in communication, medicine & ethics; structural organization of submission; strengths of individual paper presentations; and usefulness to participants.

2) Paper presentations: Abstracts will be selected for either oral or poster presentation. Depending on the number of submissions, 1-2 poster sessions will be scheduled throughout the conference. Presenting authors will be expected to stay and discuss their poster during their assigned session. Oral presentations will typically be scheduled in 90-minute sessions, with 20 minutes allocated to each individual presentation.

Abstract Submission Process: Individual abstract submissions should be no more than 250 words. Please indicate in your submission whether you would like to be considered for oral presentation, poster presentation, or both. You may choose to submit more than one proposal, but normally only one proposal will be accepted for oral presentation and the rest will be considered for poster presentation(s). Below is a template with sub-headings for abstracts (although you might choose to use other sub-headings deemed more appropriate for your paper).

- Background and objective of the paper
- Methods: including theoretical framework; description of the data collected; analytic techniques used, etc.
- Findings: these can be complete or preliminary. If this is a work in progress, please submit under “Works in Progress” (below)
- Reflections and Implications: What has been learned through the approach undertaken; a statement of implications of the approach and findings for future research, clinical practice, or health care policy

Abstract Selection Criteria: The criteria for evaluation are as follows: originality of topic; contextualization of the study; relevance to issues in communication, medicine & ethics; relationship between title & content; structural organization; theoretical/methodological appropriateness, clarity of claims/findings, and significance of the study.

3) "Works in Progress" for Roundtable Discussions:

This format provides conference participants opportunities to meet, discuss, and expand their networks around conceptual, methodological, professional or policy concerns related to their areas of inquiry. This format is particularly valuable for doctoral students and those who are developing new ideas who would like to explore these ideas or issues with colleagues who have similar interests, no formal papers are presented.

- Roundtable sessions will be held in meeting rooms set with round tables that seat 10 – 12 people each.
- To facilitate focused interdisciplinary discussion accepted roundtable abstracts will be grouped according to common themes (listed above), and/or methods such as:
 - Philosophical and theoretical perspectives on communication
 - Practical ethics
 - Discourse studies
 - Education of future practitioners
 - Methodological issues, including measurement
- A general topic will be identified for each table. The entire roundtable session will last 90 minutes, allowing three 10 minute presentations and 20 minute discussion time for each presentation.
- A coordinator, typically an experienced researcher, will facilitate discussions.
- AV resources will not be available.

"Works in Progress" Submission Process:

- Submit a 250 word abstract describing the discussion topic, including:
 - Title of presentation
 - Name of authors, institution and address
 - Summary of content to be presented
 - How topic relates to communication, medicine & ethics
 - Goals for roundtable presentation

"Works in Progress" Selection Criteria: the Conference Planning Committee will review roundtable abstracts. The following criteria will be used to select roundtable topics for the conference:

- Relevance to issues in communication, medicine & ethics
- Clarity of intent and focus for roundtable presentation
- Potential to extend knowledge on the understanding of communication related to healthcare
- Usefulness to participants

All proposals will be blindly reviewed by a team of experts, including members of the international advisory committee. It is anticipated that decisions about acceptance will be communicated by February 1 2012.

Please visit www.ntnu.no/isk/comet-konferanse-2012 for updates
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