**Call for Abstracts for The 16th World Blind Union - Asia Pacific**

**Regional Massage Seminar**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in The 16th World Blind Union Asia-Pacific Regional Massage Seminar which will be held on September 7-9, 2023 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

**The theme of the seminar:** “Promoting Sustainable Collaboration on Research, Training and Service Quality on Massage”.

**Sub-themes:**

1. Improvement of Professional Massage Training and Soft Skills for blind masseurs.

2. Management of Massage Operation - Communication, Marketing, Services and IT application.

3. Development of Medical Massage in countries in the region and Empowerment for blind masseurs.

4. Research on Treatment and Contributions of Massage by the Blind in Post-Covid Health Recovery.

We welcome submission of abstracts to the above 04 sub-themes. Please follow the below abstract guidelines.

**KEY DATES:**

* ***Deadline for abstract submission: May 30, 2023***
* ***Notifications regarding abstract status: June 15, 2023***
* ***Deadline for full paper submission: July 15, 2023***

**Abstract submission guidelines:**

* Specify clearly the sub-theme that the abstract will present.
* Abstract submissions should be limited to 350 words, including title and content.
* All abstracts must be submitted in English in MS Word format, Times New Roman, font size 14.
* No modifications can be made once the abstract has been submitted
* Name of the author and co-authors, if any, organization/entity and country/region they will be representing
* Author’s contact details: address, phone number and email address.
* For scientific research, please describe the content under the following order: Objective, Method, Result, Discussion, Conclusion.
* For practical/clinical report, please describe the content under the following order: Objective, Practical/Clinical report, Discussion, Conclusion.
* For the presentation on development solutions, please describe the content under the following order: Situation (focusing on raised problems), Solutions, Expected results.

**How to submit:**

Submissions of abstracts and full papers should be sent by email to: [presentation@gmail.com](mailto:presentation@gmail.com)

Please follow the Subject of email as: **Abstract submission - (Name of country/region) - (Name of author)**

**Selection criteria**

* Quality and originality of the abstract
* Methodology/ Results/ Main findings/Solutions
* Clarity and completeness of abstract
* The relevance and importance of the abstract to sub-themes

*(The practical observation results are not less than 30 subjects)*

**Notification of decision**

Based on abstract papers, the Program Committee will select quality papers to be presented at the Seminar and notification will be sent to organizations and individuals on **June 15, 2023** via the contact of the individual/organization submitting the abstracts.

The author will complete the selected abstracts and submit the full presentation by following the below guidelines:

- For the presentation on development solutions: Limited to 1,000 words in English, with maximum presentation time of 10 minutes.

- For scientific research/report: Limited to 1,500 words in English, with maximum presentation time of 15 minutes.

- Presentation combined with PowerPoint.

**Contact:**

For questions and enquiries relating to the abstract submission, please email to [presentation@gmail.com](mailto:presentation@gmail.com) or visit the seminar’s website at [www.16thseminar.vn](http://www.16thseminar.vn)