



Call for Abstracts

35th International Association for Human Caring Conference
Kyoto, Japan
Saturday, May 24 to Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Kyoto International Conference Center
422 Iwakuraosagicho, Takaragaike, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-0001, Japan

Sponsored by:

The International Association for Human Caring (IAHC)
Kobe University Graduate School of Health Sciences
Society of Cultural Nursing Studies (SCNS)
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Conference Chairs:

Dr. Naohiro Hohashi (Kobe University Graduate School of Health Sciences, Japan)
Dr. Marian C. Turkel (President of IAHC; Einstein Healthcare Network, USA)

Presentations by caring scholars will include:

Dr. Jean Watson, Dr. Marilyn Ray, Dr. Naohiro Hohashi, Dr. Marian Turkel

The 35th International Association for Human Caring Conference theme is *The Universality of Caring*, to look at caring across cultures in the areas of practice, education, and research.

You are invited to submit electronically an abstract for podium, symposium or poster presentation supporting the theme. The conference website will be accessible starting on September 1, 2013 from the IAHC home page at www.humancaring.org. See abstract guidelines below.

Abstract submission dates: Early Call: Abstracts will be accepted from September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013. Notification of acceptance will be by January 31, 2014. This will allow for early travel arrangements to be made.

Second Call: Abstracts will be accepted from December 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014.
Notification of acceptance will be by March 30, 2014.

Guidelines for all submitted abstracts: Our intent is to publish all abstracts (keynotes, podium, posters, symposiums) which are accepted for the 35th International Association for Human Caring Conference in the 18(3) 2014 issue of the *International Journal for Human Caring*. In order to do this in a professional style with minimal edits, we are requesting that all authors follow these guidelines.

- + Use Times New Roman Font Size 12 for all parts of the abstract.
- + List title of abstract in bold on the first line.
- + List the first author (first name, last name, credentials) on second line.
- + List professional title of first author on third line.
- + List organization and e-mail address of first author on fourth line.
- + For additional authors indicate name, credentials, title and place of employment only.
- + Skip two lines and type the abstract in Microsoft Word, single-spaced, using Times New Roman font size 12, with one-inch margins on all sides. In order to publish all abstracts, we are requesting that the word count of abstracts ranges from 250 to 300 words, not counting author information. (The included example below is 299 words.) Word counts longer than 300 words will be returned to authors for revision and this may slow the committee review process.
- + No references are cited at the end of the abstract, but authors' names and the date of publication may be inserted within the text.
- + At the end of the abstract please indicate in bold the type of presentation for which you are submitting: **Request poster session, or oral sessions (podium session), or either poster session or oral session (podium session)**
- + An example Abstract in the desired format is provided on the following page.

Submit electronically to:

http://www.humancaring.jp/35iahcc/e_abstract_submissions.html (English page)

http://www.humancaring.jp/35iahcc/j_abstract_submissions.html (Japanese page)

Example Abstract in required format for the 35th International Association for Human Caring Conference to be held in Japan, May 24-28, 2014:

Calling the Circle of Reflection

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The Circle is an ancient form of meeting that has gathered human beings into respectful conversation for thousands of years. What transforms a meeting into a circle is the willingness of people to shift from informal socializing or opinionated discussion into a receptive attitude of thoughtful speaking and deep listening and to embody and practice caring from the heart. (Baldwin, 2001; Watson, 2008). Calling the Circle of Reflection allows participants to connect in circle to synthesize, integrate, and reflect on the meaning of caring in personal and professional practice. Being with others in a circle, using rituals and multiple ways of knowing creates safe space where participants can explore self and the collective through intentional guided experiences. The space is aesthetic with a singing bowl, temple bell, candles, touchstones, flowers, and scarves representing the intention and energy of the circle by creating a caring environment. The circle opens with a centering and silence and all are reminded to practice loving-kindness, equanimity, compassion, forgiveness, and gratitude with self and others while in circle (Watson, 2008). The caller of the circle articulates intention, presence, and invitation. Those who part of the circle experience reflective practice and are invited to reflect on “What is caring? What does caring mean to me? and How do I express caring in my personal/professional life?” Open dialogue and exchange occurs. Being in a circle means practicing authentic listening, being silent, and holding stories or personal material in confidentiality. The guardians of the circle keep the energy and intent in balance. As time draws to close, one of the guardians synthesizes the dialogue and the meanings expressed. Closure involves a one word check out of the experience by all and leaving with a small touchstone as a remembrance of time spent in the Circle of Reflection.

Request: Podium Session

Hotel Information:

The conference website, accessible through the IAHC homepage, www.humancaring.org will list hotel suggestions convenient to the Kyoto Conference Center.

Practitioners, researchers, educators, students and other health care practitioners, come to Japan’s ancient capital and join caring scholars in exploring the universality of care and caring concepts that transcend international borders and transforms our humanity.

