



**American Therapeutic Recreation Association  
2008 Research Institute**

Held in conjunction with the ATRA 2008 Annual Conference,-

**CALL FOR PRESENTATION AND POSTER ABSTRACTS**

The purpose of the ATRA Research Institute is to share research findings relevant to Recreation Therapy, increase the body of knowledge, and support professional practice. The Institute includes both theoretical and applied research (efficacy studies highlighting the ATRA Research Agenda are especially invited). **Discussions of how practitioners can utilize results in everyday practice are highly recommended.** The Institute includes both presentations and poster sessions. The latter provide researchers a chance to present their work in a setting that facilitates discussion with interested attendees. Researchers should indicate their preference of presentation styles (presentation or poster) on the cover page. Editors of the Research Institute reserve the right to make the final decision of the presentation style but will work to honor the selection of those submitting proposals.

The Institute publishes abstracts from both the poster and presentation sessions. Abstracts must adhere to the format outlined in this call to be accepted for publication. Abstracts submitted for the “works in progress” section will not be included in the published book of abstracts unless the research has been completed prior to the publication deadline. Authors receive a copy of the published book of abstracts at the conference. Although posters may be accepted without abstracts, they are strongly recommended as they help advance the body of knowledge in the field.

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS IN THREE CATEGORIES ARE BEING SOUGHT:

- (a) **Completed Research** must be completed research projects that have not been published or presented at another conference. Authors are urged to explain the theoretical basis, procedures and methods used, findings, and to explicate practical applications or other implications for the use of their research in TR practice.
- (b) **Works in Progress** do not have to be completed projects but should be in some middle to later stage of the research process. The poster session will allow authors to get input from other professionals including both practitioners and educators. At the same time, it serves as a tutorial for individuals interested in learning how the research process works. (Works in progress will not be included in the book of abstracts unless the research has been completed prior to the publication deadline).
- (c) **Case Studies** are reports that follow a client/participant through the therapeutic recreation process from assessment to goals and objectives, program planning, implementation, and evaluation/outcome measurement.

Abstracts reporting empirical studies must include: Introduction; Methods/Sample Instrumentation, Analysis etc; Findings; and Discussion/Implications. A comparable format is required for conceptual papers. Posters focusing on case studies, practice perspectives, or applied research should have a clear introduction, a well written body of text and a discussion of the application of their information to the field of TR. *Particular emphasis should be on how practitioners can use the results of your research in everyday practice.*

**Note: By submitting an abstract, you are making a commitment to present your presentation or**

**poster if accepted.** Research presentations will be 20-25 minutes and scheduled during the 2008 ATRA Research Institute. Posters will be displayed at a Conference event to be announced later by the Research Team. Presenters will be requested to stand beside their poster for discussion for approximately 60 minutes during the Research Institute. *Each* poster presentation should have one individual responsible for discussing the poster. One individual may *not* cover multiple posters. Partial registration waivers may be offered per abstract (not per presenter).

**Poster Format:** Posters may be any size up to 36 by 60 inches. Design, coloration, etc. is up to the author but should look professional and be easy to read from 4 feet away.

**Abstract Format:** A cover page (1 copy, *Name and I.D. Information on the cover sheet only*) and abstract that is prepared in the following format:

A. **Three pages maximum** *including* all findings, discussion, and implications. If needed, tables and figures should be included on separate pages as per APA format. A reference list (APA 5<sup>th</sup> edition) is required and should be included on separate pages.

B. Use 12-point font and one-inch margins on all sides of 8 1/2 by 11" paper. Single space the abstract using Times New Roman font.

C. Abstracts should have a clear and descriptive title above the first line of text. No information about the author(s) should appear on the abstract itself, only on the cover page. Leave one space between the title and text of the abstract. Do not number pages or use a running header or footer.

D. Use appropriate subheadings and references that conform to APA 5<sup>th</sup> edition format.

E. An electronic version of the abstract should be sent to the research institute coordinator(s) as an e-mail attachment in MS Word format.

F. Include in the submission an abbreviated presenter vitae (2 page maximum), and mini bio stating the name of the author(s), name of business affiliation, and contact information (phone number, fax number and email address) for each presenter.

**DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION & POSTER PROPOSALS:** Proposal information must be sent via email by midnight **April 1st, 2008**. Late proposals may be considered depending on space and time limitations.

SEND YOUR PROPOSAL TO:

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## COVER PAGE FOR PRESENTATION AND POSTER PROPOSALS

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL complete the following information and send it by the **April 1st, 2008** deadline. *Do not* put any other author information on the abstract itself.

Type of Research:  Completed Research  Work in Progress  Case Study  Other

Presentation Preference (**rank your preference**):  Research Presentation  
 Poster Presentation

Author name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Submit this Cover Page, presenter vitae(s) & abstract to:

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