

The iaedp Foundation Announces Call for Proposals for 2018 Symposium

PEKIN, IL (April XX, 2017) -- The International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp) has released a Call for Proposals for its 2018 annual Symposium slated for March 22 – 25 in Orlando, Florida at the Omni at ChampionsGate.

~~Focused on the theme, “xx,”~~ The iaedp Foundation seeks abstracts on inventive treatment modalities for the many phases of the eating disorder client’s journey-- from denial and resistance to treatment and ultimately recovery.

According to Bonnie Harken, Managing Director of the iaedp Foundation, treatment providers from all disciplines are challenged to creatively convert ongoing research, brain imaging and treatment updates into meaningful eating disorder treatment protocols.

“We are seeking submittals on individual, group and family work which help clinicians in all treatment settings,” said Harken.

The iaedp Foundation asks that professionals include an experiential or interactive components in their presentation. Preference is given to unique presentations offered for the first time.

A peer review committee is responsible for making the final selections for Symposium 2018. The committee considers the quality of the submittal, a speaker's experience and qualifications to speak on the abstract submitted, ~~relevance to the conference theme~~ and the applicability of the presentation to both inpatient and outpatient settings. The committee seeks abstract submittals for three-hour intensive sessions, as well as a one-and-a-half and two-hour session slots.

In August 2017, iaedp will issue a Call for Entry to participate in the 8th annual “Imagine Me Beyond What You See” body image mannequin art competition. The purpose of the competition is to inspire the hearts and spirits of all those who view the artwork while promoting a healthy awareness and acceptance of body images. The art competition finalists and winner will be showcased during the 2018 iaedp Symposium.

“With an increase in eating disorders seen among children, students on college campuses and older women and

men, understanding the latest research and continually receiving training is critical for both providers and professionals,” said Harken. “At iaedp, our intention is to provide training to as many professionals as possible in order to build and develop skills and knowledge about eating disorders.” The iaedp Foundation programs are designed by treatment professionals for treatment professionals working in therapeutic settings. Since 1985, the organization has been dedicated to excellence in the education, training and certification of eating disorders treatment professionals. The iaedp Foundation establishes the certification process to promote standards of excellence within the field of eating disorders. More information about all aspects of the 2018 Symposium can be found at <http://www.iaedp.com>.