Dear Members and Friends of the Swiss Society for Early Childhood Research,

We cordially invite submissions for the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society for Early Childhood Research (SSECR), an interdisciplinary conference that brings together scientists and clinicians from various disciplines in early childhood research. Authors are kindly invited to submit their suggestions for workshops, symposiums, oral presentation or poster. The language for presentations and posters will be English, except for Research in Practice session that can also be in French, in German or in Italian.

This year's meeting will be titled “Family well-being – moving on from the pandemic” and take place on November 21st and 22nd 2022 in Lausanne.

We are also very pleased to announce that four renowned experts have agreed to present as keynote speakers at the conference:

Prof. Eva Cignacco | Midwifery Division | Bern University of Applied Sciences

Prof. Joseph Charles Manning | Nottingham Children’s Hospital | School of Health Sciences, University of Nottingham

Prof. Christopher Newman | Paediatric Neurology and Neurorehabilitation Unit, Lausanne University Hospital and University of Lausanne

Prof. Elsje van Bergen | Department of Biological Psychology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Abstract submission deadline: 17th June 2022
Acceptance notification: End of August 2022
Registration for the meeting: Beginning of September 2022

Detailed information on the speakers and guidelines for abstract submission can be found on our website or on confitool.

We will start accepting submissions on Friday 29th April 2022.

Date and Venue:
Monday and Tuesday | November 21st and 22nd 2022
Lausanne University Hospital:
CHUV | Centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois
Rue du Bugnon 46
CH-1011 Lausanne
www.lausanneuniversityhospital.com/home
Who can submit an abstract?

We invite abstract submissions relating to any aspect and discipline of prenatal and early childhood research. Alongside established researchers, we welcome attendance and submissions from early career researchers who wish to engage with other researchers in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

Topics

Topics for submission are related to different aspects of prenatal and early childhood research like psychopathology, healthcare, cognitive development, social development, family-centered care, therapeutic interventions, etc.

Types of presentations

- **Oral presentations** are followed by a discussion with the audience. The duration of each oral presentation is 10 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions and discussion.

- **Poster presentations** are interactive and open, giving researchers the opportunity to visualize their work and opportunities for interaction and discussion. Research at its earlier stages as well as more advanced research is suitable for poster sessions.

Workshops/Symposia involve a panel of presenters giving in-depth, state-of-the-art lectures on a range of topics, including application of new knowledge into practical examples, clinical scenarios, etc. For the symposia, you can choose between a general topic, the neurocognitive symposium or the perinatal symposium. The duration for a workshop/symposium is 90 minutes.

**Research in Practice** involves projects that facilitate any aspect of clinical or practical intervention/innovation implementation, including, the factors affecting implementation, the processes of implementation, and the results of implementation. Research in Practice can also include well-conducted quality improvement projects.

Abstract details

- Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.
- Abstract title, authors’ names, and affiliation are NOT included in the word count.

Submission guidelines

- **Language**: English (except for the Research in Practice sessions that can take place in one of the Swiss national language). The language of the abstract should reflect the language used for the presentation at the conference.
- **Title**: Each word should begin with a capital letter except transition words. Please do not use abbreviations or accented letters.
- **Key words**: select 3 - 5 key words which are relevant for your presentation.
- **Structure**: every abstract must include: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.
- **Author’s bibliography**: write a short bibliography (max 1000 characters space included) to present your research activity.
- When submitting an abstract, the author grants the organizers the right to publish the submission electronically or in printed form.

The same person may serve as presenting author on up to two abstracts.

The Scientific Committee of the Conference will review and select the abstracts to be presented at the conference.

**All presenters (including all speakers considered for a workshop) must register for the conference and pay the respective fees.**