

The 9th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) 3-5 November 2021

Best Poster Awards

Purpose

This brief outlines the mechanisms for the **Best Poster Awards** for the 9th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) to be organised by the China Hong Kong Chapter of the AFHC and conducted as a webinar during 3-5 November 2021.

Background

The Healthy Cities approach was initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is based on the concept that the social, economic and physical environment is the key to the health of city dwellers and aims to cope with health issues that have emerged with urbanisation. In Hong Kong, the first Healthy Cities Project was initiated in Sai Kung District in 1997.

The AFHC, founded in October 2003, is a network founded on the international efforts on Healthy Cities worldwide. Its current membership comprises over 200 cities and organisations. The China Hong Kong Chapter of the AFHC was established in September 2007.

Since 2004, the Global Conference of the AFHC has been organised biennially except in 2020 due to the COVID-19 epidemic. The 6th Global Conference of the AFHC was held in Hong Kong from 29 October to 1 November 2014 with “Health in All Policies” as the main theme.

The China Hong Kong Chapter of the AFHC will organise the upcoming Global Conference of the AFHC, namely, the 9th Global Conference of the AFHC, again. The main theme of the conference will be “**Smarter Healthy Cities beyond COVID-19**”.

Mechanism for the Best Poster Awards

TEN awards are proposed for the **Best Poster Awards** and **THREE** for the **My Favorite Poster Awards**. The eligibility, judging criteria of judging

panel, mechanism of voting by conference participants and schedule of the poster presentation are outlined below.

To uphold the professional standard of the poster competition, a judging panel comprising representatives from the academia, professionals and experts in relevant fields and sectors is formed to appraise the posters based on a set of agreed criteria. The **TEN** candidates with the highest total score will receive the **Best Poster Awards**. To engage participants of the conference, their opinion will also be taken into consideration in identifying the **THREE winners of the “My Favorite Poster Awards” out of the TEN Best Poster Awards**. Opinion from participants will be collected by means of online voting on the first day, therefore, 3rd November, 2021 and will be announced at the end of the day. Award Certificates will be sent to your registered address shortly after the conference.

Eligibility

To join the **Best Poster Awards**, the candidate must submit an abstract. The eligibility for the abstract to enter the poster competition is as follows:

- Abstracts should be submitted using a standard electronic abstract form (Annex I).
- One candidate may submit more than one abstract.
- For each abstract, the candidate must indicate clearly whether the abstract is **research-based** or **practice-based**.
- For research-based abstracts, the body of the abstract should be organised as follows:
 - Provide the background of the study;
 - State the objective of the study;
 - Describe the methods used;
 - Summarise the results; and
 - State the conclusions reached.
- For practice-based abstracts, the body of the abstract should be organised as follows:
 - Provide the background of the programme;
 - State the objective of the programme;
 - Describe the programme content;
 - Summarise the findings/ observation; and
 - Describe the application.

- Abstracts should not exceed 350 words.
- The candidate must have a primary role in the research/ project reported in the abstract, i.e. he must be the first-author of the abstract.
- All candidates with their abstracts accepted for poster presentation must register for the conference.

Candidates whose abstracts are accepted for poster presentation will be notified to submit posters. Posters must be submitted in electronic format (e.g. as a PDF file). The organiser will upload the posters to the conference website for viewing by conference participants.

Judging criteria of judging panel

Based on the assessment and scoring criteria of the poster presentation of the 6th Global Conference of the AFHC, a set of assessment criteria (Table 1) and weighting (Table 2) is developed. The judging panel will appraise the posters based on this assessment criteria and weighting.

Assessment criteria	Description
Programme design	Whether it is well-planned and well-structured with good parameters to evaluate the outcomes
Creativity and innovation	Whether the project is an innovative approach rather than conventional approach with high degree of creativity
Impact of project	Whether the project has led to changes of public policies and/or service delivery models and/or health status of the population
Layout of the poster	Is the format easy to read and interpret, and also the design not only would attract the attention of audience easily but easy to interpret

Table 1. Assessment criteria for poster appraisal for the judging panel

Research-based posters		Practice-based posters	
Content	Weighting	Content	Weighting
I. Background	10%	I. Background	10%
II. Objectives	20%	II. Objectives	20%
III. Methodology	20%	III. Programme Content	20%
IV. Result	20%	IV. Findings/ Observation	20%
V. Conclusion	20%	V. Application	20%

VI. Layout of the poster	10%	VI. Layout of the poster	10%
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Table 2. Weighting for each component of the poster

Mechanism of voting by conference participants

The **TEN Best Posters** will be displayed online during the conference and all conference participants can vote for their **THREE favourite posters**. Each participant can vote for not more than three posters through an online platform. The organiser will compile the final score of each poster and identify the winners of the three awards at the end of the first day.

Schedule

The proposed schedule of the poster competition is shown in Table 3.

Event	Date
Call for abstract	20 September
Deadline for abstract submission	18 October
Notification of acceptance of abstract	21 October
Deadline for poster submission	26 October
Judging panel to have zoom meeting with the finalists(HK Time 18:00-20:00)	29 October
Voting by conference participants	3 November
Announcement and award presentation ceremony	5 November

Table 3. Proposed schedule of the Best Poster Awards and My Favorite Poster Awards

Conclusions

The mechanisms for the Poster Awards of the 9th Global Conference of the AFHC are using an approach to balance the opinions of judging panels and conference participants.

