

## Call for Abstracts

### Tenth FMIC Annual International Scientific Conference and Quality Convention

### “Universal Health: Accessibility, Quality and Research in the Era of COVID-19 Pandemic”

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2020  
Kabul, Afghanistan

**Abstracts must be submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**

Submit your abstracts to [abstracts.conf@fmic.org.af](mailto:abstracts.conf@fmic.org.af)

The Tenth FMIC Annual International Scientific Conference and Tenth Quality Convention will be held at French Medical Institute for Mothers and Children on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. These events were held separately every year; however, due to COVID-19 pandemic the events are merged this year. The theme of this event is “Universal Health: Accessibility, Quality and Research in the Era of COVID-19 Pandemic”. The sub-themes of the conference are inspired by World Health Day 2020 theme and other global health agendas. The conference will discuss multiple subjects on clinical, population & public health and academic related topics in the plenary and concurrent sessions.

The contribution of science and research is vital to ensure quality health services to all people every time, everywhere and it draws attention towards health issues around the globe including during current COVID-19 pandemic. Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is WHO’s number one goal and means that all people have access to the quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. It also focuses on long-term economic development, enhancing research and development, strengthening capacity of all countries to make good progress towards other health related targets and initiating strategies to reach UHC as part of Sustainable Development Goals by the year 2030.

The Tenth FMIC Annual International Scientific Conference and Tenth Quality Convention will provide a platform for researchers, scientists, academicians, government officials, policy makers, physicians, nurses, midwives, sociologists, journalists and other health professionals around the world who are keen to discuss issues, evidence and measures related to the accessibility, quality and research in the era of COVID-19 pandemic.

We believe that technology plays a vital role in exchanging knowledge. Given the current COVID 19 pandemic the event is arranged to be both virtual and physical with social distancing as precautionary measures.

Important Dates	
Call for Abstracts Released	August 24, 2020
Deadline for Abstract Submission	September 26, 2020
Notification of Acceptance	October 07, 2020
Last Date for Submission of Presentations	October 20, 2020
Conference Registration Open until	November 05, 2020

## Theme and Sub-themes

Abstracts related to “Universal Health: Accessibility, Quality and Research in the era of COVID-19 Pandemic” (the main theme) and other sub-themes are invited for the international conference and quality convention which is expected to be widely attended by participants from within and outside the country. In addition, all approved abstracts will be included in the conference proceedings and abstract book.

Abstracts are invited for the following subthemes (not limited to):

- Communicable Diseases and Global Outbreak (COVID-19)
- Nursing and Midwifery Services
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Mental Health
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Leadership, Governance and Healthcare Financing
- Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Information Technology and Innovation in Healthcare
- Human Resources and Institutional Development
- Environmental and Occupational Health
- Nutrition and Food Safety

## For abstract submission, please note the following:

- Abstracts for the Conference will be selected for oral or poster presentation depending on the evaluation by Scientific Committee.
- Authors should also specify their preference of oral or poster presentation.
- The selection of abstracts will follow strict appraisal to ensure that only quality abstracts are presented at the Conference.
- Please clearly state the sub-theme while submitting your abstracts.
- Follow the “Guidelines for Abstract Submission” for complete details as given below.

## Abstracts Submission Guidelines

### For abstract submission please note:

- Abstracts for the Conference will be selected for oral or poster presentation depending on the evaluation by the Scientific Committee.
- The selection of abstracts for oral presentation will follow strict appraisal to ensure that only quality abstracts are presented at the Conference.
- Registration to the Conference is mandatory for final acceptance of abstracts.

### Submit your abstracts through:

- Email to [abstracts.conf@fmic.org.af](mailto:abstracts.conf@fmic.org.af) or through the Conference Secretariat at the Aga Khan University at [conf.sect@aku.edu](mailto:conf.sect@aku.edu)
- The abstract will be accepted in soft copy only through e-mail. Hardcopies sent by mail or fax will not be considered.
- No changes in the abstract contents and the authorship will be allowed after the final submission. If you wish to withdraw your abstract you must inform the Scientific Committee via e-mail before September 26, 2020
- The submitted abstract should be original
- Abstracts must be submitted in English language only.
- Abstracts must not exceed 350 words, including title, author/s, affiliations and footnotes.

### Following subheadings should be used in all abstracts:

- ✓ **Objective/s:** a sentence describing the significance and objective/ question of study
  - ✓ **Methodology:** description of materials and methods employed in the study
  - ✓ **Results:** description of key results in a logical sequence
  - ✓ **Conclusion:** emphasis on important aspects of the study, recommendations/ policy implications.
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- Those who submit research abstracts will be notified regarding the acceptance / rejection within two weeks after given deadline.
  - If accepted, the notification about the date and time of the session / presentation will be shared one week before the event.
  - The title should be clearly formulated, indicating the nature of the study. Please do not use abbreviations in the title.
  - Use "Times New Roman" size 12 and single line spacing for the abstract text.
  - Please check the spelling and grammar carefully. The abstract will be retrieved from your online submission - any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific data will appear in print.
  - Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book

## Previous Conferences

**2011 First FMIC International Pediatrics Conference 2011:** FMIC organized its first international conference, '**Pediatric Care in Afghanistan**', in Kabul, Afghanistan on 26-27th February 2011. More than 200 participants during the two days conference learned about surgical and medical topics concerning child health, modern diagnostic methods, success of educational programs, quality assurances initiatives, infection control methodologies and the use of innovative telecommunication techniques such as telemedicine from Afghan and international experts.

**2012 Second FMIC Annual International Conference 2012:** On December 1, 2012 the French Medical Institute for Children organized its second international paediatric conference at the Grand Ball room of the Kabul Serena Hotel. The theme of the conference was "**From Paediatric Care to Child Health**". Read more:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/News/Pages/2nd-intl-paeds-conf2012.aspx>

**2013 Third FMIC Annual International Conference 2013:** The French Medical Institute for Children (FMIC) organized its Third International Conference, "**Moving towards Quality Healthcare for Mother and Child**" to focus on new and innovative techniques for addressing current issues of maternal and child health. The two-day FMIC conference, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Kabul Serena Hotel on 5-6 October, brought together more than 500 local healthcare professionals from across Afghanistan. Read more:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/News/Pages/Third-FMIC-Conference-2013.aspx>

**2014 Fourth FMIC Annual International Conference 2014:** The French Medical Institute for Children (FMIC) organized its Fourth International Conference, "**Strengthening Academics and Health Services in Developing Countries in Transition**" at the Kabul Medical University Auditorium on 23-24 October, 2014. Read more:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/News/Pages/fourth-fmic-conference-2014.aspx>

**2015 Fifth FMIC Annual International Conference 2015:** The French Medical Institute for Children (FMIC) organized its Fifth International Conference, "**Emerging Trends in Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health in Developing Countries**" Kabul, Afghanistan on 8-9 December, 2015 at the Kabul Medical University Auditorium. Read More:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/News/Pages/fifth-fmic-international-conference.aspx>

**2016 Sixth FMIC Annual International Conference 2016:** The French Medical Institute for Children (FMIC) organized its Sixth International Conference, **Emerging Trends of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Developing Countries**” on 24 November, 2016 at FMIC Auditorium. Read More:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/News/pages/sixth-fmic-international-conference.aspx>

**2017 Seventh FMIC International Scientific Conference 2017.** The French Medical Institute for Mothers and Children organized its seventh International Conference on **“Healthy lives and well-being for all”** on Saturday, 5th August 2017 at FMIC Auditorium. Read More:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/Events/pages/seventh-fmic-annual-conference.aspx>

**2018 Eight FMIC International Scientific Conference 2018.** The French Medical Institute for Mothers and Children organized its eighth International Conference on **“Better Health: Reaching Everyone, Everywhere”** on Saturday, 4th August 2018 at FMIC Auditorium. Read More:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/Events/Pages/seventh-fmic-international-conference.aspx>

**2019 Ninth FMIC International Scientific Conference 2019.** The French Medical Institute for Mothers and Children organized its ninth International Conference on **“The Science of Healthcare: Access & Quality”** on Saturday, 3th August 2019 at FMIC Auditorium. Read More:

<https://www.fmic.org.af/AboutUs/News/Pages/ninth-international-conference.aspx>