***2017 Fifth World Congress of IAMSR***

***Professional Development Workshops (PDW): Call for Proposals***

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The International Association of Management, Spirituality and Religion (IAMSR) cordially invites you to submit a Professional Development Workshop (PDW) proposal for the Fifth World Congress of IAMSR in Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA, May 18-20, 2017. The conference theme is “Leadership, Spirituality and Education,” with a focus on exploring ways to effectively develop current and future leaders.

* We invite Professional Development Workshop submissions that contribute to advancing knowledge creation and professional practice in the multiple dimensions of leadership, spirituality and education from academic, scientific, practical, artistic, and/or psychological points of view.
* We encourage submissions from management scholars, leadership scholars, psychologists, religious scholars, artists, creativity and innovation scholars, philosophers, organizational leaders, and consultants who want to bring rigor and relevance to this important and rapidly growing discipline.

A Professional Development Workshop is a 60- or 90-minute experiential workshop that explores cutting edge ideas and practices in our field. This is quite different from the scholarly paper presentations and is designed to be highly interactive. Before reading on, please think about the following five questions as they pertain to a Professional Development Workshop.

* Does the workshop offer a high quality and high level learning experience that has a significant positive impact on the professional development of the participants?
* Does the workshop provide participants with clear "take away"? (e.g. learn a new skill; develop a new research plan)
* Does the workshop have a theme and a group of participants that will draw a strong audience regardless of competing sessions or scheduling restrictions?
* Does the workshop encourage multi-way conversation and interaction among participants from multiple divisions, disciplines, regions, career stages, or demographic backgrounds?
* Is the workshop creative and innovative in all of its elements?

The PDW provides the perfect platform to share cross-disciplinary knowledge and expertise in exploratory research and also offers opportunities for personal and professional development. PDWs enhance our exploration of new and innovative constructs, methodologies, pedagogies, and practices, establishing a foundation for future scholarship and application. We encourage PDW submissions that are creative, interdisciplinary, and highly interactive.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

PDWs NOT COMPLIANT WITH THESE STANDARDS will not be reviewed or evaluated for acceptance.

PDW proposals must include and be organized in the following order:

1. A title page that has
2. Title of the workshop.
3. Name, organization, address, phone number and email for each workshop facilitator.
4. A 1000 word (maximum) overview of the workshop, which will include
   1. A 200-word abstract of the workshop.
   2. A description of the intended audience.
   3. An explanation as to why the workshop should be of interest to the IAMSR Conference participants.
   4. A description of workshop's format.
   5. A summary of what participants will take away from the workshop.
5. PDW proposals must use Times New Roman 12-point font, double spaced, 1-inch (2.5 cm) margin all around.
6. List your preference for a 60 minute or 90 minute workshop. Please understand that due to schedule and room restrictions, we cannot accept all proposals and we may not be able to honor workshop length requests. But we’ll do the vest we can.

Questions regarding the PDWs should be sent to Judi Neal, [judi@edgewalkers.org](mailto:judi@edgewalkers.org). +1 479-871-9116.

The submission deadline is **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016. Notice of acceptance will be sent out December 5,, 2016.**

All submissions must be emailed to Judi Neal at [judi@edgewalkers.org](mailto:judi@edgewalkers.org)

All accepted presenters are required to register for the IAMSR conference, and we encourage you to take advantage of the Early Bird Rate. Registration opens January 3, 2017.

Thank you for your support of IAMSR.   We look forward to receiving your submissions!