



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are happy to announce the call for proposals for the **21st International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Communication, Medicine, and Ethics (COMET)**. **COMET 2023** will be hosted by **University College Cork, Ireland, 20-22 June, 2023**. The Pre-COMET Masterclass is scheduled for **19 June, 2023**.

The COMET conference aims to bring together scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds involving various healthcare specialties and the human and social sciences. A special emphasis is on the dissemination of ongoing research in language/discourse/communication studies in relation to healthcare education, patient participation and professional ethics.

The proposal deadline is **9 January 2023**.

**COMET 2023 will feature the following plenary speakers:**

**Professor Mary Catherine Beach, Johns Hopkins University, USA**

**Professor Chris Code, Exeter University, UK**

**Professor Hossam Hamdy, Gulf Medical University, United Arab Emirates**

**CONFERENCE THEMES INCLUDE:**

- Client-Professional Encounters (involving doctors, counsellors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, speech and language therapists, psychotherapists, etc.)
- Communication Impairment and Disability
- Communicating Risk and Uncertainty
- Communication Skills Training
- Distributed Expertise among Professionals and Clients
- Ethics and Communication
- Evidence in Diagnosis and Non-Diagnosis
- Health and Disability
- Healthcare in Multilingual and Multicultural Contexts
- Healthcare Education
- Health, Wellbeing and the Lifespan
- Health Literacy
- Health Technologies and Medical Informatics
- Interpreter Mediated Healthcare Delivery
- Intercultural Communication in Health
- Interprofessional Communication and Hospital Management Systems
- Media and Health Communication
- Narratives of Illness Experience
- Public Understanding of Health and Illness
- Quality of Life and Quality of Care
- Representation of the Body

- Research Ethics
- (Shared) Decision Making
- Tailoring Health Messages
- Telehealth
- Values and Responsibilities in Professional Practice

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Proposals include panels, individual presentations (oral or poster) and work-in-progress sessions.

**Please visit the [COMET 2023 website](#) to upload your proposal. The website will go live by 1 December 2022.**

### **1. PANELS**

Panels should address a common theme, content or methodological area, and will be scheduled for 90 minutes or multiples of 90 minutes. A 90-minute panel usually includes 3 individual presentations.

For panel submissions, please include a) an overview description of no more than 300 words highlighting the panel's content and objectives, and including 3-5 key words; b) an abstract of no more than 250 words for each individual presentation within the panel. Also provide information about the panel members and the coordinator, including full institutional affiliations and e-mail addresses.

### **2. INDIVIDUAL PAPERS (oral or poster)**

Proposals for individual papers (no more than 250 words) must clearly indicate a preference for oral or poster presentation, and should include 3-5 key words. Following the peer review process, the organisers will determine whether a proposal is selected for oral or poster presentation. Poster presenters must be present to discuss their work during the dedicated sessions. Oral presentations will typically be scheduled in sessions of 90 minutes, with 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation + 10 minutes for discussion) allocated to each individual presentation.

### **3. WORK-IN-PROGRESS SESSION**

Proposals for work-in-progress should be no more than 250 words targeted at oral presentation, and should also include 3-5 key words. The presentations will be in sessions of 90 minutes, with individual presentations lasting 30 minutes (15 minutes for presentation + 15 minutes for discussion). This format is particularly suitable for early career researchers pursuing doctoral and postdoctoral studies and for experienced researchers undertaking/planning pilot projects or interested in reporting preliminary results. Please indicate clearly if your proposal falls into this category.

**Proposal submission deadline: 9 January, 2023**

## **PROPOSAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

All proposals undergo a double-blind peer-review process.

Please note that COMET conference policy is one main oral presentation per first-named author. You may choose to submit more than one proposal, but normally only one proposal will be accepted for oral presentation. Any additional accepted proposals may be presented as poster(s).

There is no fixed format for writing proposals but authors are urged to attend to the following criteria which will form the basis for peer review:

- originality of the topic and its relevance to the conference
- background contextualisation of the study
- relationship between title and content structural organisation
- theoretical/methodological appropriateness
- clarity of claims and relevance

Individual panels are reviewed in their entirety on the above criteria but also on the basis of their relevance to broader issues in communication, medicine, and ethics; the overall coherence of the proposal; and the usefulness of the panel to participants.

Decisions about acceptance/rejection will be communicated by **mid-March 2023**. Following formal acceptance, the responsible (presenting) authors must register participation prior to the finalisation of the conference programme. Early registration opens on **15 March 2023**.

Please visit the [COMET 2023 website \(to go live by 1 December 2022\)](#) or send an email to [comet2023@ucc.ie](mailto:comet2023@ucc.ie) for further details regarding submission guidelines or for additional information about the conference. Please click [here](#) for information about University College Cork, and [here](#) to explore the beautiful city of Cork!

Best wishes, and we look forward to welcoming you to Cork in June 2023,

**Nicole Müller, on behalf of the UCC organizing committee of COMET 2023**