

Policy 3: iHEA Conference Sessions (revised September 23, 2001; adopted April 16, 2002)

iHEA conferences typically run for 3+ days and have more than 100 sessions. The following is a brief description of the different types of sessions, timing, the forms of scientific review, etc.

Plenary Sessions: Plenaries are invited sessions featuring a single distinguished speaker or panel. Invitations for a plenary are extended by the executive conference organizing committee. Suggestions for future speakers are welcome. Such speakers are leaders in economics or health care. Previous plenary sessions have featured Nobel laureates, ministers and heads of major NGOs.

Organized Sessions: Organized sessions are peer-reviewed sessions that are submitted as a complete package. An organized session may be several papers on a related subject with a chair and discussants, a panel examining a major policy or social experiment, a single paper with commentary, or other format. Organized sessions are solicited by members of the scientific committee and may also be submitted by any member. Submissions should include a brief explanation/overview of the session, abstracts, and relevant details regarding the presenters. Prior professional activities of the organizer and presenters are criteria for acceptance and thus review is not blinded. Peer review and acceptance for organized sessions takes place prior to the deadline for the contributed abstracts.

Contributed Abstracts: Contributed abstracts are single abstracts submitted individually for blinded peer review. Abstracts are collated by **iHEA** and distributed electronically to members of the scientific committee. Each abstract is read and scored by at least two reviewers. Contributed abstracts are grouped and presented in three kinds of sessions.

- Podium (long format), usually 3 papers per session
- Podium (short format), usually 8 -10 papers per session.
- Poster, usually in large sessions in the main hall during a time slot with no competing sessions.

*The following sessions and events are a part of the **iHEA** conference but outside the framework of the scientific program, and thus are not peer-reviewed, and the content is not included in the proceedings.*

Social Events: These include breakfasts, dinners, award presentations, cocktail hours and other events which may have a speaker or other presentation, but are primarily honorary or social rather than scientific.

Workshops: Workshops are usually half- or full-day training sessions run by **iHEA** carried out by invited experts on a specific subject or methodology (e.g., logistic regression, conjoint analysis, anti-trust law). They require advance registration and additional fee payment.

SESE (Satellite Economic and Social Events): These are sessions held by related organizations (e.g., Australian Health Economics Association, OHE) which are included in the printed program but operate outside of the regular **iHEA** conference structure. Since they are under the direction of the sponsoring organization, not **iHEA**, they may use alternatives to the normal procedures (i.e., use of other languages, special equipment, participation by invitation, restricted attendance, fees, honoraria, etc.).

Satellite Conferences: Satellites are conferences under the aegis of related organizations (e.g., World Bank, Ministries of Health, trade organizations, consultancies) with the cooperation of the **iHEA** conference executive taking place in days before or after the regular **iHEA** conference or in during the evening.

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