



October 27 & 28, 2016
World Trade & Convention Centre
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Call for Proposals

The Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Schizophrenia Society of Canada, welcomes submissions for the 2016 National Conference, themed “Psychosis: New Perspectives, Bright Horizons” in Halifax on October 27 and 28. Although the scope of this year’s theme should be interpreted broadly, presentations focused on novel findings and innovative approaches to guide future research initiatives, education-related policy, and community-support strategies are especially welcome.

The programming committee is striving to bring together multidisciplinary mental health professionals, community-based workers, advocates, people with lived experience and their support systems (family, friends, etc.) to share knowledge both in the structured sessions and during more informal networking opportunities.

Topics for submission may include new treatment and support-oriented initiatives including both those that are biologically-oriented and those entailing a more psychosocial focus. Presentations may also include reports from the community focused on a breadth of topics such as long-term support, skills building, and strategies to reduce stigmatization.



Sessions will be developed around one hour time blocks and organized thematically. Three knowledge-sharing frameworks for these sessions will be utilized:

- 1. Individual Presentations:** Individual presentations will be grouped thematically as determined by the Programming Committee. Individual presentations should prepare to receive 15 minutes of presentation time and 5 minutes for a question and answer period.
- 2. Symposia:** Symposia will consist of three thematically related papers. The organizing presenter may structure the session as desired, keeping in mind that a minimum of 15 minutes should be allotted for a question and answer period.
- 3. Workshop/Panel Discussions:** The session organizer is responsible for submitting all materials. Supporting documentation (limited to 2 pages) may be attached as a Word document or PDF if necessary. The session theme should be consistent with the goals of the conference.

Please note that high-resolution colour photos and CVs for all session presenters must accompany the submission of your proposal and cannot be sent in at a later date. The Programming Committee will not consider incomplete proposals.

All proposals should be submitted through the conference website no later than Friday April 1st, 2016.

Please visit SSC2016.ca to submit your proposal for Psychosis: New Perspectives, Bright Horizons.