2016 World Congress Call for Papers

The International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics is pleased to invite proposals for panels and papers for presentation at the 2016 Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland, from June 13th-15th 2016, at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. The FAB 2016 theme is “Feminist perspectives and public health: individuals, communities, and the public good.” FAB 2016 will also feature a special session on the work of FAB co-founder, Anne Donchin, as well as a session on “Capabilities and Health.” Submissions are welcome on these themes, as well as on any topic in feminist bioethics. FAB is affiliated with the International Association of Bioethics <http://bioethics-international.org/> (IAB). The final event of FAB 2016 will be a plenary session run jointly with IAB 2016.

FAB 2016 theme and sample topics

The FAB 2016 World Congress theme is “Feminist perspectives and public health: individuals, communities, and the public good.” Sample topics include:

- Public health: feminist perspectives, definitions, approaches and priorities
- The ethics of public health approaches in particular contexts (e.g. in the Global South, in undemocratic or totalitarian regimes)
- Public health: ethics, the law and social justice
- Feminist thoughts about what moral obligations, if any, are universal
- Health care priority setting within communities
- Health as a public good
- Capability frameworks for thinking about health and disability
- Capabilities: whose freedoms and whose opportunities?
- Feminist bioethics: ghetto or global?

While FAB particularly encourages submissions relating to the main themes and sample topics, submissions on any topic in feminist bioethics, and from any relevant disciplinary perspective, are welcome.

The conference organizers are keen to continue the strong FAB tradition of embracing contributions from a wide range of disciplines, including philosophy, social sciences, critical cultural studies (e.g. gender and sexuality studies, disability studies, race studies, etc.), law, public health, and others. We also particularly encourage submissions from early career researchers.

Categories of submission

Submissions can be made in the following categories:

Papers will be allocated 30 minute slots (20 minutes for presentation and 10 for questions and discussion).

Rapid pitches will be allocated 5 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion. These sessions will be strictly chaired. Rapid pitch sessions are intended to enable more delegates, especially people at earlier stages in their career, to tell people what they are currently working
on. They will be held on the first day of the conference to allow as much time as possible for ‘follow up’ networking discussions.

Panel sessions will be either 60 or 90 minutes long (please indicate which you prefer and why). They may consist of a small collection of linked papers and/or other activities e.g. a debate or a panel question and answer session relating to a relevant theme in feminist bioethics. Opportunities for audience interaction are encouraged.

Submission process

All submissions should be made through the conference website at: https://events.conferencepartners.ie/ei/cm.esp?id=286&pageid=_4AW0S2541

Submissions are due by January 12th, 2016.

• You will be asked to provide the names, email addresses, and affiliations of all authors, and to identify the presenting author(s). Correspondence will be with the submitting author.
• You will be asked to provide a brief descriptive title and up to 6 keywords for your submission, and to indicate what kind(s) of presentation (paper, rapid pitch, panel session) you would like it to be considered for.
• If your first choice of presentation is a paper and you would like to be considered for a rapid pitch if your abstract is not selected for presentation as a paper, please select ‘paper or rapid pitch’.
• If you are offering a paper as part of a panel presentation, and would like it to be considered in its own right for a paper or rapid pitch presentation if the panel presentation is not selected as a whole, please submit a separate abstract (additional to the one submitted for the panel presentation as a whole) and select ‘paper offered primarily as part of a panel session’ for this submission.

For all kinds of submissions, you will be asked to submit an abstract of up to 300 words. The abstract should NOT include the names or affiliations of authors. (FAB 2016 will use an anonymised system of peer review to assess abstracts for inclusion in the conference programme).

The style of your 300 word abstract is up to you. Sub-headings are not required, but you can use them if you think they will help to summarise your proposed presentation or session clearly and concisely.

For papers and rapid pitches, your abstract should be as informative as possible about the content of your proposed presentation.

For panel presentations, your abstract should describe the focus of the session, outline the structure of the session as a whole, and gives a clear indication of each component paper or activity. As noted above, if you wish any of the component papers to be considered for presentation in their own right in case the panel session as a whole is not selected, please submit separate additional abstracts for these papers.

The criteria that will be used to assess abstracts are:
• fit with the FAB2016 theme and relevance to feminist bioethics;
• originality;
• significance;
• rigour; and
• clarity of communication.
Papers accepted for the conference may subsequently be submitted for consideration for publication in *The International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics (IJFAB)* as long as they conform to the journal’s requirements and are not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

**The Donchin and Holmes Emerging Scholar Prize and the Anne Donchin Memorial Session**

FAB is also proud to introduce the Donchin and Holmes Emerging Scholar Prize for the best paper accepted for presentation at the biennial FAB World Congress by a graduate student or early career scholar (someone who has graduated within the two years before the World Congress). The award is $500 USD, and includes a certificate and recognition on the program.

This year, the Program Committee is seeking submissions that draw specifically on the work and ideas of FAB co-founder, Anne Donchin. The prize will include participation in the Anne Donchin Memorial Session (a plenary session at FAB 2016, Edinburgh). Please see the general criteria for applying and related information here: http://fabnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Prize.pdf

**Application Procedure for Travel and Registration Grants**

FAB has limited funds to provide travel grants to help FAB members participate in the biennial conference. In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must have been members of FAB for at least one year at the time of application.

To apply for a travel grant, FAB members presenting a paper at FAB Edinburgh 2016 should submit both a brief abstract of their paper and a brief statement of need to the Grants Committee. (You may email the Grants Coordinator here <mailto:grantscoordinator@fabnet.org>.)

FAB members seeking a registration grant must submit only a brief statement of need to the Grants Committee.

**To apply for a travel or registration grant, FAB members presenting a paper at FAB Edinburgh 2016 must submit the following:**

- Full name of the applicant,
- Full contact information, including any relevant institutional or organizational affiliation,
- Details of pursuit of funding from other sources and outcome,
- Previous FAB grants awarded (year and amount),
- An extended abstract of the paper to be presented (not applicable for those requesting only assistance with registration), and
- Anticipated participation in FAB organizational activities if applicable.

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