

Suggestions for Abstract Writing

The abstract or summary you submit for the conference needs to be clear and comprehensive, a maximum of 200 words in length, and it ought to address each of the following points. No more than 1 or 2 sentences should be required to address each of these points.

1. Clearly state what motivated your work (why did you do the work you did), that is, what makes your work interesting and relevant to a reader or conference attendant.
2. Clearly identify the specific question(s), issue(s) or problem(s) that are addressed by your work.
3. Identify the general approach or method you used for your work. Did you do an experiment, run focus groups, make observations while clients were engaged in a specific recreation activity, etc.?
4. Summarize the main results from your work, that is, describe what you learned or discovered by doing your work.
5. State the lesson(s), conclusion(s) or implications that can be drawn from your results.
6. Clearly identify the client or patient population with whom you worked or to whom your work is most directly relevant.