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**Italian Health Economics Association (AIES)
27th Annual Conference**

***Sustainability and innovation in health: what challenges for
health systems and healthcare organizations?***

September 8th – 9th 2022

Messina

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Italian Health Economics Association invites scholars to submit contributions investigating sustainability and innovation for health, healthcare organizations and systems.

Over the past two years, the right to health has been repeatedly questioned regarding the ability of public policy to identify health needs and to provide appropriate measures to protect it. The stringent budget constraints on one side (albeit slightly relaxed following the pandemic) are continuously faced with growing demand for healthcare services due to increase in the prevalence of chronic diseases but also increasing opportunities for treatment and diagnosis resulting from rapid technological advances. These dynamics determine an important change in traditional care models: in response to the increasingly complex and constantly evolving health landscape, health systems are forced to think about optimizing available resources and enabling integration of (or at least, a coordination between) health and social care systems.

The United Nations 2030 Agenda has defined 17 goals to promote sustainable development on a global scale. The Covid-19 pandemic has had the effect of accelerating the change towards a cultural paradigm that promotes the pursuit of these goals at the global, national and local levels. Firstly, the need to adopt the One Health approach has clearly emerged, which recognizes the interconnections between human, animal, and planet health - environment, biodiversity and climate above all. One Health is not a new concept, but its adoption has always been hampered by fragmented policies and funding and isolated organizational structures.

Sustainable development requires the adoption of a system approach that takes into account the economic, social and environmental dimensions and that promotes collaborative governance arrangements between multiple sectors, organizations and professionals. The emerging challenges require the design and planning of systems and tools for accountability and reporting of the results achieved with respect to every dimension of sustainability.

In this context, digitization and technological innovation can offer an important contribution to the pursuit of sustainability in the social and health sector.

In light of the above, the 27th annual AIES Conference will be an opportunity for scholars to contribute on a range of topics related to sustainability and innovation that include the following:

- Health and environment
- One Health
- Digitization of companies and health systems
- Technological innovation in healthcare
- New organizational models and service formulas for healthcare companies
- New collaborative governance models to support sustainable development
- Public-private partnership for the achievement of sustainability objectives
- Social sustainability, aging, formal and informal care
- Inequalities, equity and health
- Management and measurement of economic, social and environmental performance
- Responsibility and social reporting
- Circular Economy and healthcare

It is also possible to send contributions on issues not related to the main theme of the conference and which will be discussed in one or more dedicated sessions. Contributions can be theoretical, empirical or policy oriented and in the areas of the health economics, policy and management.

The annual conference of the Italian Health Economics Associations is a unique opportunity bringing together scholars, healthcare practitioners and policy makers to engage in the discussion and exchange view on the most pressing issues on the health policy agenda.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Contributions can be presented in two forms:

- **Individual abstracts**
- **Organised Sessions/Panel:** panel sessions usually involve up to three/four papers on a specific topic moderated by a session chair.

All submissions should be sent by e-mail to aies2022.unime@gmail.com by **May 31st 2022 (extended deadline June 20th 2022)**. Submissions can be either in English or in Italian, according to the guidelines below:

1) Abstracts

- max 5000 characters
- name(s) of author(s) and affiliation (author presenting the study should be marked with an asterisk); corresponding author's e-mail address and phone number;
- title, background, objectives, methodology, main results.
- indication if the paper applies for the Young AIES Research Award

2) Organised Sessions/Panel:

- max 8000 characters (including spaces)
- title of the Panel (Organised) Session;
- name, e-mail address, telephone number and affiliation of the Session's Chair;
- name(s) of author(s) presenting in the Panel Session and affiliation (no more than 4 Oral presentations per Panel);
- title, background, objectives, methodology, main results.

AIES Young Researcher Award

Authors who want to compete for the “**AIES Young Researcher Award**”, dedicated to the papers presented in the in the Ph.D students / Young research fellows session, must explicitly state it in their submissions and must present ***an original and unpublished paper*** at the conference. **All authors** must be less than 35 years old to be eligible for the award. The authors of the accepted abstracts are required to send the complete paper and the discussants of the accepted articles will be chosen by the Scientific Committee.

ABSTRACT SELECTION

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and acceptance/rejection will be communicated by **July 10th 2022 (acceptance/rejection new deadline July 20th 2022)**. The review will consider consistency, methodological rigour, and policy relevance. Abstract rejected for oral presentations cannot be presented in the Poster Session.

The Scientific Committee will allocate contributions to appropriate sessions, according to the subject discussed and methodology.

CONFERENCE FEES

- AIES member having already paid the annual membership fee for 2022: the participation fee is **150 Euros**.
- AIES member have not paid the annual membership fee for 2022: the participation fee is **200 Euros**, including the annual Association Fee.
- Non AIES member: the participation fee is **250 Euros**.

An additional fee will be required for Social Dinner.

Participation fee is not reimbursable.

All information regarding the Conference will be published on the AIES website:
<http://www.aiesweb.it>.

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