



## **Proposal Submission Instructions**

**8<sup>th</sup> International  
Conference**

### **International Expressive Arts Therapy Association *Expressive Art in Social Action: Peace-ing our World Together***

August 12-15, 2009

Lesley University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Proposal Submission Deadline: Friday, September 26, 2008**

The International Expressive Arts Therapy Association is accepting proposals to present at its 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference. In particular we are seeking expressive arts therapists and educators, consultants, expressive artists and others to offer workshops and presentations.

The 2009 IEATA Conference program will include more than 40 concurrent presentations and workshops—be one of them! In keeping with our theme, *Expressive Arts in Social Action: Peace-ing our World Together*, proposals should focus on the transformative power of the arts for: breaking down cultural barriers and misperceptions; encouraging community participation and growth; providing opportunities for empowerment and social change/healing; and promoting social justice locally and internationally.

We are particularly interested in proposals that address the interdisciplinary use of the arts in therapy and social change, and the interface between expressive therapy and social transformation. We will examine the role of the arts for social change within individual relationships, families and communities, and as a bridge among diverse communities.

Cambridge, Massachusetts, just across the Charles River from Boston, is home to Lesley University where pioneers of the Expressive Arts founded an Institute for Arts and Human Development in the mid-1970s. Cambridge is renowned for its prestigious schools, rich cultural resources, diverse population, and an extraordinary array of social gathering places—from restaurants to clubs to parks.

Cambridge's vibrant Harvard Square area will provide the backdrop for the 2009 conference, which will be hosted by the Expressive Therapy program at Lesley University, and which will take place at Lesley University's modern urban campus

and at the historic First Church Parish, located in Harvard Square. Lodging will be available at Lesley University and the historic Sheraton Commander hotel.

### **General Guidelines**

Proposals will ONLY be accepted via email. Hardcopy proposals will NOT be accepted. The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, September 26, 2008 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Due to space and time limitations, preference will be given to new material that adds to the body of knowledge in the field of expressive arts therapy. When two presentations of equal value and quality are accepted by the blind review committee, the Conference Committee will lean in favor of the presenter not already represented at the conference. Please prepare your presentation proposal with this in mind.

Presenters pay regular conference registration fees.

### **Proposal Submission Procedure**

Please e-mail three Word documents to our Program Committee at: [09conference@ieata.org](mailto:09conference@ieata.org) Please title your documents with your name.

#### **(1) Proposal Form**

**(2) Resume(s) of Presenter(s) for CEU qualification purposes** (3 pg. max.) Please include a copy of the resume(s) in a separate Word document.

**(3) Program Title, Description, Learning Objectives and Abstract – PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THESE DOCUMENTS**

Please include a copy of the following in a separate Word document: (Do not include presenter names)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Presentation Title:** (10 words max.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Presentation Description:** (100 word maximum for conference brochure)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Describe three learning objectives** as related to the expressive arts, counseling, therapeutic approaches, education, professional development. (100 word max.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Presentation Abstract and References:** Please create your proposal abstract/description and reference list in a Word file using APA Style of Writing (5th Edition). You can have as many citations as you need. Only the citations that are referenced in the (600 word max.) abstract are to be included in the reference list.

All proposals will be blind reviewed. Acceptance will be based on creativity, clarity and organization of content and process, and relevance to conference theme and expressive arts field. Program submissions should be limited to two per person, excluding poster session presentations.

Please contact our proposal committee by email at [09conference@ieata.org](mailto:09conference@ieata.org) for additional questions.

**Proposal Checklist** (3 attachments – please send Word documents):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Proposal Form: including a Brief Biography of Presenter(s)** (50 words max.)

***Under separate cover:***

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**Special considerations:**

**Obtain Release Forms.** If you are using artwork or images (other than your own) in your presentation, you MUST obtain the appropriate releases BEFORE submitting your proposal. It is your responsibility and obligation to obtain any required releases.

**Audience Size.** Determine the limit to the number of people who could participate in the session for it to be a successful learning experience for the audience.

**Audio/Visual Requirements.** Determine if you will need a Power Point projector, VCR or CD/DVD for your presentation.