

8th World Summit on Mediation with Age-Related Issues (Elder Mediation)

Linz, Austria
May 2 to May 4, 2016

Call for Speakers

INTRODUCTION

The 8th World Summit on Mediation with Age-Related Issues will be held from May 2 to May 4, 2016. It will be co-hosted by Elder Mediation Austria in partnership with the Elder Mediation International Network (EMIN). Previous Summits have been held in Scotland, Switzerland, the United States, Ireland, Canada and Australia.

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The Summit will host a selection of national and international speakers on elder mediation and associated topics and the conveners invite practitioners, specialists and individuals from multi-disciplinary professions to submit an expression of interest in presenting at the summit.

SUMMIT AIMS

In recent years the international summits have become a forum for experts in the growing field of elder mediation. The conference provides the opportunity for exchange of knowledge and experience on a professional and interdisciplinary basis.

SUMMIT GOALS

1. To help raise awareness of elder mediation and its important role in supporting and/or re-establishing self-determination, encouraging participation in decision-making and ensuring equal opportunities for older people

2. To establish and further develop the knowledge base of elder mediators and other decision-makers in age-related professions
3. To enhance the development of elder mediator competence through the contributions of experts from science, research and practice
4. To exchange opinions and experiences, discuss current issues and share new insights regarding the issues and conflicts faced by older people in their personal, family and work environments
5. To generate ideas and concepts for the further development of elder mediation
6. To provide a platform for networking and to promote and create strategic partnerships

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The Summit Steering Committee invites participants to submit an abstract of their proposed conference paper/presentation.

Presentation abstracts and conference papers should be well written, relevant and engaging. Abstracts should briefly describe the title and content of the presentation. Research papers should be descriptive and detailed. Authors may describe their contribution to elder mediation research, their practice experience, highlight ethical concerns or discuss issues of relevance to the field.

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In particular, we welcome contributions on the following topics:

Elder mediation in general

- Ideals and principles of (elder) mediation
- Special features in process design, methodology, communication skills and interventions with special attention to conflict situations
- Roles and attitudes of elder mediators, self-reflexibility
- Consumers' view of elder mediation
- Specific approaches to conflict management and prevention involving older people
- Dealing with ageism and age discrimination in elder mediations
- Elder Mediation, intergenerational violence, neglect and self-neglect

Age and Family - Family and Age

- Dealing with transitions in familial roles and responsibilities in the elder mediation
- Dealing with issues emerging from the past in elder mediation

Age and occupation - occupation and age

- Generational and age related conflicts at work
- Elder Mediation and the transition to retirement
- Elder Mediation and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Age and age related health issues

- The older person's perspective in the elder mediation process
- Elder Mediation, long-term care and support in institutional and family care
- Difficult decisions and dilemmas surrounding medical treatments and dying
- Elder mediation as a support for caregivers

Elder mediation for conflict resolution at the end of life

- Conflicts around dying and death
- Managing grief and loss in (elder) mediation

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Elder mediation and ethics

- Working with ethical values
- Ethical aspects of elder mediation

SELECTION PROCESS

A Committee appointed for this purpose will assess and select all abstracts and papers for presentation based on individual merit – judged by the overall quality and the importance and relevance of the content.

DATES

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: October 31st, 2015

Notification of Acceptance: by November 30th, 2015

REGISTRATION/REGISTRATION FEE

Early Bird Registration: January through February 27

Registration fee:

650 CAD; 600 CAD for EMIN members (467 EUR; 431 EUR)

Early bird registration (paid by March 4, 2016): 575 CAD (413 EUR)
nonmembers and 550 CAD (395 EUR) for members.

Student fee (Registered with a program) 350 CAD (252 EUR).

VENUE

<http://www.tiscover.com/at/xlayout/portal/accommodation/143689at,en/objectId,ACC673924at/home.html>

The summit is credited with 17 training hours in accordance with EMIN standards and § 20 (Austrian) ZivMediatG.

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I/We wish to present at the 2016 Summit on Elder Mediation:

Topic:

Abstract (250 words):

Brief Biography of the presenter (250 words):

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