



“STRENGTH IN ADVERSITY”

ASLIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE - ANC2021 CALL FOR PAPERS

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th September 2021

The Australian Sign Language Interpreters’ Association (ASLIA) is a not-for-profit body and is the national peak organisation representing the interests of Auslan/English Interpreters and Deaf Interpreters in Australia. The ASLIA National Conference (ANC) committee invites the submissions of abstracts of original work for consideration for ANC2021.

The theme this year is **Strength in Adversity**. When faced with a crisis, in the moment it can be difficult to imagine the experience will eventually lead to some type of growth. In times of **adversity**, we learn the most from the discomfort and rethink what’s required to be successful. 2020 was a difficult year with much adversity; and hardship can deplete our toolbox of coping skills and put immense pressure on our families, friends and communities. However, we are a resilient bunch. Adversity forces us to reach out for help, to create social networks and to realise that we cannot and should not overcome our struggles on our own. Resilience is a person’s ability to bounce back from **adversity** and grow from the challenge, giving us the mental and physical resources that help us deal with challenges in life.

This call for papers is extended to a broad range of stakeholders including; Translating & Interpreting, and linguistics, researchers from Australia and overseas, signed and spoken language interpreters and trainers, members of the Deaf community, providers of interpreting services, sign language teachers and regulatory bodies.

PRESENTATION FORMATS FOR ANC2021

- Presentation: 45 minutes (35 mins talk, 10 mins questions)
- Webinar session: 90 minutes - ANC2021 workshops will be delivered to a large group, so content should be suitable for this format.
- Panel: 90 minutes – A presentation panel on a specific theme facilitated by a panel lead.

TOPICS OF INTEREST MAY INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Hearing and Deaf interpreters working together
- Collaboration with deaf and hearing clients
- Interpreter teams - strategies, conflict resolution
- Role boundaries in diverse settings
- Our profession online – diverse points of view
- Teaching diverse cohorts
- Linguistic diversity
- Diversity within the Deaf community
- Diversity within the profession
- NDIS – managing diverse interpreting assignments
- Interpreting during the COVID-19 pandemic

KEY DATES:

- Call for papers close: **21st May 2021**.
- You will be advised of the results by: **11th June 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

Contact the ANC Scientific Coordinator, Sherrie Beaver at anc-scientific@aslia.com.au for a copy of the submission form.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The official languages of ANC2021 are Auslan and English. Any presenters wanting to present in another language must provide their own interpreter and should indicate this when they submit their abstract. Access through real-time captioning in English will also be provided.
- Abstracts will be blind reviewed by a scientific committee and selection will be based on; relevance to the theme, significance of contribution, quality, originality, clarity, and overall presentation suitability.
- If you are interested in our conference offerings and would like to attend the conference outside of your presentation time slot, you will need to register your attendance.
- Presenters will be required to submit a copy of their paper and PowerPoint presentation four weeks in advance of the conference (by 10th August 2021) to assist interpreter preparation.
- It is expected that presenters will also meet with interpreters prior to presentation before and/or during the ANC to assist with preparing interpreters for the presentations.

For questions or a copy of the submission, please email Sherrie Beaver, ANC2021 Scientific Coordinator at anc-scientific@aslia.com.au