

What are Conference Proceedings?

Conference proceedings are a collection of abstracts and short papers presented at a specific conference.

Why might you publish a paper in the APCDA Conference Proceedings?

Conference proceedings allow professionals in our field to present their techniques and ideas in a less formal format than a Journal. They facilitate informal discussion among professionals. They allow professionals the chance to connect with others in our field who share similar interests.

- Conference proceedings may contribute valuable insights into a particular field and should be part of any comprehensive literature review.
- The publication process for the APCDA Conference Proceedings is much shorter than for the APCD Journal so our proceedings can provide insights into industry trends, as well as point to the most current research/studies/concepts in our field.
- The information disseminated through conference proceedings is often not reported anywhere else, or at least not for some time.
- The papers presented at the APCDA conference have been accepted following a review process. However, papers published in the conference proceedings are not subjected to a rigorous review or editing process.

Preparation of Papers for the Conference Proceedings

Papers should be typewritten, double-spaced, and margins of at least one inch on all sides. Papers may be up to 5 pages in length (1500 words) exclusive of references with up to 2 tables or figures or up to 5 images.

All papers should be prepared according to the [Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association](#) (7th ed.; American Psychological Association [APA], 2020). Please see the APA Publication Manual for specific guidelines regarding the format of the manuscript, abstract, citations and references, tables and figures, and other matters of editorial style.

Keywords: Keywords are limited to 5 words.

References: References, citations, and general style of papers should be prepared in accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA, 7th ed.) style.

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Conference Proceedings Versus Research Journal

If you are hoping to publish your paper in a research journal, it may be unwise to publish in our conference proceedings because research journals typically prefer original contributions that have not been published elsewhere. Publishing in a research journal takes longer and

requires more persistence but is worth the extra time investment if the research is valuable and you are planning a career in academia. Publishing research in a research journal offers more credibility and prestige, more longevity and permanence, and is valuable to your career advancement. Publishing your presentation in our conference proceedings is an excellent way to connect with other members and friends of APCDA who are interested in your topic and may want to discuss it with you. Publication requires only submission of a short paper and a couple of months for the editor to assure that all articles comply with American English standards. Your article will be visible on our website for at least 2 years from the date of publication.

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