

IOMC 2015

International Outcomes Measurement Conference

Tuesday, April 21, and Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Chicago, IL, USA

The *Journal of Applied Measurement* and JAM Press have organized a health outcomes measurement conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Chicago. The hotel is located just off of Michigan Avenue at 160 E. Huron Avenue, two blocks south of Water Tower Place.

The conference schedule will allow two full days of presentations devoted to the application of Rasch measurement to health outcomes. The selection process for presentations will be completed by the program committee. The cost of registration has not yet been determined, but will be in the \$50 to \$100 range.

The deadline for proposals for paper presentations is October 3, 2014. Presenters will be notified of the acceptance of proposals by November 14, 2014. Proposals should contain all author information (name, mailing address, e-mail, and phone for all authors) and are limited to 1000 words. The presenting author and first author for publication should also be indicated. Proposals (in a pdf format) can be e-mailed to the organizing committee at IOMC2015@JAMPRESS.org.

The papers presented at this conference will be published in the *Journal of Applied Measurement* beginning in 2016. Authors will be required to provide a peer review copy of the **manuscript** that will be presented by March 20, 2015 to expedite publication. The *Journal of Applied Measurement* is indexed in Pub Med and *Index Medicus*, which gives medical researchers easy access to the abstracts of the papers.

The conference will feature both plenary and concurrent presentations. Plenary presentations will be 35 minutes in length with each set of two papers followed by a 20 minute discussion. Concurrent presentations will be 20 minutes in length with each set of three papers followed by a 20 minute discussion. Similarly themed papers will be grouped for presentation. Authors are also invited to submit grouped papers. We are planning for between 44 and 52 slots on the program to be filled through the proposal selection process. Attendance at the meeting will be capped at 75, due to space limitations in the hotel.

The setting in Chicago provides an opportunity to celebrate the roots of the application of Rasch measurement to developing and improving health outcome scales. The work of Ben Wright in the 1970's and 1980's, with his collaboration with Ross Lambert at the Hines VA Blind Center, the redevelopment of the PECS system with Richard Harvey at Marianjoy Hospital, and the work with Carl Granger on the FIM, is central to the development of health outcome scales that allow parametric analyses.

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