

CALL FOR PRESENTERS



IEA 2016 Conference - Proposal Submission Information

It is time to consider, plan, write and submit a proposal for the 2016 IEA Global Conference. The conference will be held at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. July 22 - July 24, 2016, with Pre-Conference Day on July 21st. Minneapolis is vibrant and diverse, a perfect venue for our compelling theme.

Some things to know:

There will be five sessions running concurrently and five total time slots - twenty five (25) presentations total. In addition, Saturday morning will host three conversations: each with two or three presenters and a predetermined topic. Participation and Q&A will be encouraged. The Conference committee will designate these presenters - your proposal may qualify.

The 2016 conference theme is "Conversations that Transform." Preconference Day will begin with conversations led and facilitated by Russ Hudson, Jack Killen and Mario Sikora. Our keynote is Jean Morrison, certified trainer with the International Center for Nonviolent Communication. And back by popular demand, our endnote will be Timothy Dobson and the Dances of Universal Peace.

Consider the theme and these presentations when writing your proposal. Something compatible would be welcome. While I understand the topic of conversations may not directly correlate with your work, we do invite you to be creative about ways in which you can bring your vital work into the topic of conscious conversations that transform, even if it must be a smaller part of your presentation. It may be something as simple as allowing the participants time and space to share their experience of your work in some way or allowing time to converse with you/others through a Q and A, a panel, movement, etc.

Or, it could have something to do with the conversations we have with ourselves, with co-workers, social media. It could cover states of presence and how conversations shift when we shift our state.

These are just a few ideas that you may find useful. Feel free to be creative. We are orienting this conference in a different way. We'd like it be alive and organic rather than over reliance on didactic and Power Point.

Helpful Hints:

Feedback received from both 2014 and 2015 conferences consistently mentioned experiential or interactive sessions as being more desirable.

Proposals offering something relating to the theme of conversation and communication are preferred.

Proposal Selection Process and Criteria:

The conference proposal selection process includes a "blind" evaluation of each proposal by three "Readers." Readers have been carefully selected from our IEA membership based on a set of selection criteria. They include established Enneagram authors, teachers, and prominent members of the IEA community who have committed to a process of a blind and objective review and evaluation of proposals.

The Readers will receive ONLY the "Objectives" and "Expanded Description" portions of proposal submissions. (Those sections of the proposal should NOT contain information that identifies the presenter(s).) Each Reader will review and rate proposals based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of Objectives: Degree to which the session objectives are clear and understandable. The objectives should provide a clear description of what participants can expect to experience from attending the session. Total possible points: 10
- Content: Degree of robustness, depth, and richness of content. Details, practicality, and applicability. Credible ideas and/or applications included. Total possible points: 40
- General Interest: Degree to which the proposed presentation would appeal to the general conference audience.
 Total possible points: 10
- 4. Existence and quality of experiential or interactive component. Total possible points: 15
- 5. IEA Accredited Professional: Yes Total possible points: 5

Once the proposals have been scored by the Readers, the selection team will award the final 20 points based on background information relevant to the proposed content, including but not limited to: experience and research: publications, if available; and available feedback from previous conferences. Consideration is given to first time presenters and those from outside the U.S.

Total possible points: 20

Proposal Submission Guidelines:

You must be a current **IEA Professional Level Member** in order to submit a proposal for considerations. All proposals will be submitted online using Survey Monkey. The format will include the following:

- Background Information: your education and experience as it pertains to the proposal you are submitting.
- BIO (50 word maximum): Information about the presenter(s)
- Description (200 word maximum): Clear and concise description of the session. This is the information that would appear in the Conference Program.
- Presentation Objectives (25 words maximum: each): One or two clearly stated objectives: what participants could expect to experience in this session. This information will be included in what the Readers use for evaluating your proposal and should not identify the presenter(s) in any way. (See full evaluation criteria above.)
- Expanded Description (500 word maximum): Full description of the proposed conference session. This information will be included in what the Readers use for evaluating your proposal and should not identify the presenter(s) in any way. (See full evaluation criteria above.)

Please - carefully check your word counts before submission!

The official "request for proposals" with submission link will be sent mid-September with deadline for proposal submission **October 31, 2015**. You will be notified when we receive your completed proposal. You will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **December 31, 2015**.

Contact me with questions: Kathryn.grant@internationalenneagram.org

This information will help you to begin to formulate your proposal. Watch your email for the official "call." Thank you for your willingness to present - without you there would be no conference! Looking forward to seeing you at the Marriott City Center Hotel - Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. July 21 - July 24, 2016.

Best regards,

Kathryn Grant 2016 Conference Chair