



Conference announcement and call for papers

Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood: Bio-Cultural Perspectives

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th of June 2020
Turku, Finland



Three-day international, interdisciplinary conference organised by the Health in Early Life and Parenthood research group and the Department of Nursing Science, University of Turku, Finland, in collaboration with:
Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire, UK;
Reproductive, Infant and Child Health Centre (RICH), School of Education, Health and Social Studies, Dalarna University, Sweden;
Turku University Hospital, Finland; and the research network SCENE.

This will be the eleventh conference on 'Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood: Bio-Cultural Perspectives'. The conference was initiated in 2007 by Professor Fiona Dykes, lead for the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire. It has been held every other year in the UK by MAINN and in 2014 in Sydney, Australia, 2016 in Sweden and in 2018 in Florida.

In 2020, the conference is to be held in Finland; the convenor is Associate Professor Anna Axelin, Department of Nursing Science, University of Turku.

The conference links closely with the research network Separation and Closeness Experiences in the Neonatal Environment (SCENE) headed by Associate Professor Anna Axelin.

A SCENE Symposium day will be held on Friday 12th of June

The conference aims to:

- Focus on initiatives that impact upon practices related to nurturing the preterm infant and the family.
- Explore the nature of relationships within families in connection with various types of nutritive and nurturing behaviour in infancy and childhood.
- Enhance understanding of the complex interactions between socio-cultural, psychological and biological factors in the nurture of infant and child.
- Illuminate socio-cultural, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding practices.
- Increase understandings of breastfeeding as a bio-psycho-social activity.



Confirmed Invited Keynote Speakers:

- Minna Huotilainen, PhD, Professor, Cognitive Brain Research Unit, Department of Education, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Kajsa Brimdyr, PhD, Healthy Children Project, USA
- Anna Bergström PhD, Researcher at Department of Women's and Children's Health, International Maternal and Child Health, Uppsala University, Sweden
- Fiona Dykes PhD, Professor of Maternal and Infant Health, Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire, UK
- Nils Bergman, MD, PhD, Department of Women's and Children's Health, Division of Neonatology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- Rafael Pérez-Escamilla PhD, Professor of Public Health (Social and Behavioral Sciences) Director, Office of Public Health Practice; Director, Global Health Concentration, Yale School of Public Health, Yale University, USA

Abstract Requirements – Deadline 30th of November 2019



The abstract must include the following:

- Title of abstract
- Author/presenter name(s), institution represented, postal address, email address
- Primary contact person for the conference information
- The abstract should contain an introduction, methods, results and conclusions
- The abstract should not include subheadings
- The abstract should be referenced, citing between 2–4 references
- The references should be presented in Harvard APA

Length should be no more than 700 words (including title, author information and references)

Please state your preference for a paper or poster presentation.

Please also supply a short biography of each author with your abstract.

The subject line of the email should clearly state “Nutrition & Nurture Conference Abstract”. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Review Committee chaired by Professor Fiona Dykes. Please send your abstract as a Word document attachment to fcykes@uclan.ac.uk

Conference venue

The conference venue is University of Turku, Medisiina D building (address: Kiinamylynkatu 10, Turku)

Conference Booking, Accommodation and Enquiries:

The conference fee is 400 EUR for the three days, which includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation. A day rate is also available at 150 EUR per day which includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation on the day you are attending.

Conference dinner will be in restaurant Hus Lindman on Wed 10th of June, the dinner fee is 70 EUR/person

The SCENE Symposium will be free of charge (refreshments and lunch on own expense).

Accommodation can be booked directly with hotels in Turku. (See suggestions on conference web site).

For academic queries please contact Associate Professor Anna Axelin anmaax@utu.fi

Conference web site: <https://sites.utu.fi/nursingscienceresearchprogrammes/help/naniacc/>

