

1. PRESENTATION

The emerging issues that are arising from the **social change** we are experiencing are generating new social relationships, new pathologies and changes in our internal and external structure that have to be **addressed from Gestalt Therapy**.

Gestalt therapy cannot remain on the sidelines of everything that happens around us or in the privacy of our practices, but on the contrary, we have a responsibility to bring awareness to other social stages that help to generate changes that favour the health of our society.

With this frame of reference, this call is addressed to proposals framed in these **fields of application**: age groups, theoretical orientations, organizational context, relation with other approaches, environmental crisis, gender identity, human rights, migratory phenomena, addictions, conflicts, sexuality, violence, feminism, minorities, exclusion, training and supervision of professionals, education, health service.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

Original contributions may include: group studies aimed at the experimental evaluation of an intervention (clinical, organizational, educational, health, social, artistic...) of prevention or treatment, case studies, technical, theoretical, experiential or supervisory reflections, or bibliographical review and research papers focused on the different fields related to Gestalt Therapy and its applications.

Accepted types of work:

1. **Symposiums (monographic)**
2. **Free communications**
3. **Posters**
4. **Experiential workshops**

Accepted format of papers:

1. **Onsite.** The papers presented in this format will be developed entirely onsite during the Congress.
2. **Virtual (online).** The works presented in this format will be developed entirely online

Papers can be presented in either of these two formats, except for posters, which will be presented only in onsite format.

Accepted languages of the papers:

Papers may be submitted in either of the two official languages of the congress (Spanish and English), although those in Spanish must also submit an abstract in English, between 250 and 300 words.

All proposals **in face-to-face format** -regardless of the modality- will have to contemplate the translation into Spanish or English, and it will be done by the applicant or by a translator provided by the applicant. The conference organizers will try to make a **team of volunteers** available to carry out the translation work for proposals in face-to-face format.

Proposals submitted in **online format** may carry out the activity in one of the two official languages and must indicate this in the application form. Applicants are encouraged to provide translation (English-Spanish / Spanish-English), but it is not obligatory.

Scientific Review Committee:

- All proposed papers will be peer-reviewed in coordination with the scientific committee.
- Although all papers must select a modality, the scientific committee reserves the right to accept them subject to changes of modality.

Technical conditions and classroom layout:

Proposals submitted in face-to-face format must indicate: the **technical conditions** (e.g., internet connection, screen, projector, microphone, etc.) and the **layout of the classrooms** (open-plan classroom, tables, chairs, etc.) necessary to carry out the activity.

Submission of proposals

All proposals shall be sent by **e-mail** to:

proposals@gestaltconference2023.com

The subject of the mail shall indicate:

- Applicant's full name
 - Modality and format of the work presented.
- For example: "Mary Smith. Workshop. Onsite".

The next pages detail how to submit proposals in each of the modalities and formats.

3. IMPORTANT DATES

5 MARCH 2023

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

20 APRIL 2023

REPLY OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS

30 APRIL 2023

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION OF AUTHORS

4. THEME OF THE PROPOSALS

Papers will be accepted focusing on **Gestalt Therapy in its many fields of application** (see "Presentation")

5. GENERAL SHIPPING RULES

5.1. SYMPOSIUMS (ROUND TABLES)

Proposals for symposia will be made in the **following steps**:

1. The symposium coordinator will send the **general summary** of the proposal to the following email: proposals@gestaltconference2023.com
2. In the **subject line of the email**, please indicate:

- Name and surname of the coordinator +
- The word "Symposium" +
- Format of the activity (online/onsite).

For example: "Mary Smith. Symposium. Onsite".

3. To complete the proposal you must send the **following information** in the same e-mail:
 - Name and brief CV of the coordinator (max 300 words).
 - A close-up photo of the symposium coordinator, in high quality for the website.
 - Title of each paper that makes up the symposium, indicating name, surname, address and contact email of the members
 - Language in which the symposium will be held (English or Spanish)
 - Technical requirements for the development of the symposium, in case it is presented in a face-to-face format.
4. After review of the proposal by the scientific committee, the technical secretariat will contact the coordinator to inform him/her of the **decision taken**
5. The technical secretariat will confirm the **final acceptance** to the coordinator when all the speakers of the panel have registered for the congress.
6. From that moment (and before the deadline for submission of papers), the speakers will send the abstract of their oral communication by e-mail (proposals@gestaltconference2023), with the subject: "Abstract symposium+symposium title". The length of each abstract must be between 250 and 300 words.
7. All abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee, which reserves the right to request changes directly from the authors. These changes are essential for the acceptance of the paper.

Instructions:

- The panel session will have a **duration of 50 minutes**
- The author(s) submitting the paper **must be registered** at the time of final acceptance, otherwise the paper may be cancelled.
- Each participant can only take part in two symposia.

5.2. FREE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Abstracts for free paper proposals should be sent by email to:
proposals@gestaltconference2023.com

2. In the subject line of the mail you must indicate:

- Name and surname +
- the word "Communication" +
- onsite/online activity format

For example: "Mary Smith. Communication. Online".

3. The length should be between max 300 words.

4. The language of the communication must be indicated (English or Spanish).

5. Technical requirements for the presentation of the communication, in case it is presented in a face-to-face format.

6. Accepted papers will have 10 minutes for oral presentation.

5.3. POSTERS

1. Abstracts for the poster proposal should be sent by e-mail to:
proposals@gestaltconference2023.com

2. In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate:

- Author's name and surname(s) +
- The word "Poster".

For example: "Mary Smith. Poster".

3. Abstracts should be between 250 and 300 words in length.

4. Posters must be presented in both official languages, English and Spanish. It is recommended that the author himself provide the translation; if necessary, the Organization will try to provide it.

5. Each registered author may submit a maximum of three posters.
6. A jury will make a pre-selection of the posters presented according to criteria of originality and quality of the work. The authors of the accepted papers will present their work in person.
7. It is compulsory for the author to register for the congress (if he/she has not already done so) upon acceptance of his/her paper.
8. Authors of accepted papers will receive detailed instructions when their paper is accepted by the jury, including submission formats and conditions.

5.4. EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOPS

The proposal for experiential workshops will be carried out according to the **following steps**:

1. The workshop leader will send **the general summary** of the proposal by e-mail: proposals@gestaltconference2023.com
2. In the **subject line** of the e-mail, please indicate:
 - Name and surname of the workshop leader +
 - The word "Workshop" +
 - Format: online/onsite

For example: "Mary Smith. Workshop. Onsite".
3. The **following information** must be submitted to complete the proposal:
 - Name and brief curriculum vitae of the workshop leader (max 300 words). If the workshop is presented by two people the same data requested should be sent.
 - A high-quality close-up photo of the workshop leader(s) for the website.
 - Title of the workshop
 - Abstract with the explanation of the workshop and the techniques used.
 - Language in which the workshop will be conducted (English or Spanish). Translation into Spanish or English by the workshop leaders -or translators provided by the workshop leaders or by the congress organization- is advisable in the face-to-face format.

- Technical and classroom needs for the development of the workshop, in the event that it is presented in a classroom format.
4. After review of the proposal by the scientific committee, the technical secretariat will contact the workshop leader to inform him/her about the decision (provisionally accepted, provisionally accepted with changes, not accepted, proposal for change of format).
 5. The technical secretariat will confirm the final acceptance of the workshop participants when all the workshop participants (if more than one) have registered for the congress
 6. All abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee, which reserves the right to request changes directly from the authors. These changes are essential for the acceptance of the paper.

Instructions:

- The experiential workshop will last 90 minutes.
- The length of each abstract should be between 250 and 300 words.
- Workshop presenters must be registered for the congress at the time of final acceptance, otherwise the paper may be cancelled.

REMEMBER!

Official languages: English and Spanish. It will be positively valued that the authors of the proposals present in both languages of the congress. The congress will try to offer translation services to those who do not have the possibility of providing their own translation.

Email for sending proposals: proposals@gestaltconference2023.com

Remember to indicate in the subject line: full name + mode of application + format.

Eg: "Mary Smith + workshop + onsite"