

AAP Connect 2026 Call for Speakers

The Alberta Association of Physiotherapy (AAP) is seeking dynamic speakers to submit presentation proposals to be delivered at the **AAP Connect 2026 conference in Canmore, Alberta on October 23-25, at the Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre.**

WHAT IS AAP CONNECT?

AAP Connect is the association's signature event that ignites passion for movement and health, offering a unique blend of learning, networking, and inspirational experiences tailored for every physiotherapist – whether you're in rural or urban practice, private or public sector, a seasoned practitioner, a student, or a physiotherapy assistant.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN A PROPOSAL

We invite proposals for presentations that explore clinically relevant topics informed by the latest evidence. We highly encourage sessions that are focused on best practices, innovative projects, and educational initiatives that advance the profession while actively engaging participants.

Submissions are welcome from physiotherapists, clinicians, researchers, academics, industry experts, healthcare professionals, and educators.

When preparing your proposal, select a presentation format that best highlights your expertise and fosters audience interaction. Our attendees value peer-to-peer learning, insights into emerging trends, real-time application of knowledge, and practical takeaways that enhance their professional growth.

KEY DATES

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| Call for Speakers Opens | Monday, September 15, 2025 |
| Completed Proposals Due | Friday, November 7, 2025 |
| Submission Proposal Review Process | November 8 to December 5, 2025 |
| Decision Notifications Deadline | Wednesday, December 10, 2025 |
| Speaker Acceptance and Agreement Deadline | Wednesday, December 17, 2025 |
| Speaker Conference Registration Deadline* | Tuesday, June 30, 2026 |
| Final PowerPoint Presentations Due | Friday, October 9, 2026 |
| AAP Connect 2026 Conference | October 23-25, 2026 |

***Speaker Honorarium & Registration** – AAP is grateful for the valuable contributions of our speakers. Please note that we do not provide honorariums, speaker fees, or reimbursement for presentation or travel expenses. **Speakers attending the full conference will receive a 50% discount on their registration fee** (applicable to regular rate, not early bird). If you're attending only on the day of your presentation, we are pleased to provide complimentary food and beverage during your visit (please note this does not include the Saturday evening dinner).

PRESENTATION FORMATS

Panel Discussion (1.5hrs)

Panels should include a minimum of two and a maximum of four speakers addressing a common issue or topic from different perspectives followed by an interactive discussion. **Each panel must also provide a moderator.**

Focused Presentation (1.5hrs)

Speakers are experts in the field who can lead a session to highlight the latest practice, research, education, and professional issues. Relevant topics, implications of the latest research, and thinking as well as laying the foundation for future interactions and initiatives.

Workshop (1.5hrs)

Workshops are to share knowledge and experience or to develop a specific skill in an interactive environment. Room is set up with round tables which allow for small group discussions.

AUDIO-VISUAL

The following audio-visual equipment will be provided for each presentation:

- Screen
- Projector
- Podium
- Seating for all presenters
- Microphone
- Laptop computer
 - Use of personal computers is permitted; however, we ask that you save your presentation on a USB, in case there are any technical issues. Presenters will also be required to submit their presentation to AAP no later than **October 9, 2026.**

Please Note: Session handouts will be the responsibility of the speakers. No copying services will be available on-site.

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Presentation proposals must include the below information:

- i. **Title (max. 20 words):** The title should describe the session clearly. It should be brief and interesting and express scope, content, and particular focus of your presentation.
- ii. **Presentation Format:** Panel Discussion (must include a moderator), Focused Presentation or Workshop.
- iii. **Speaker(s) Contact Details:**
 - a. Full Name, organization/institution & city (as they wish it to appear in the conference materials)
 - b. Email
 - c. Phone
- iv. **Learning Objectives:** List 3 learning objectives describing the purpose of the presentation in terms of what attendees will learn.
- v. **Session Content:** Provide an overview of the information that will be included in the presentation. Include the population(s) that the session is targeted to (e.g., clinicians, managers, educators, students etc.).
- vi. **Relevance:** Describe how the information/topic is relevant and important to the physiotherapy profession in Alberta.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Speaker Availability

All accepted speakers must be available to present **in-person** at AAP Connect 2026 on **October 24 and 25, 2026, in Canmore, Alberta**. Exact presentation date and time will be scheduled closer to the event.

Proposal Submission & Accuracy

The main speaker is responsible for submitting the proposal, ensuring its accuracy and will serve as the primary contact. They must coordinate with co-speakers regarding the presentation and any relevant conference details.

Speaker Confirmation

All speakers must confirm their acceptance by **December 17, 2025**. Speakers who do not confirm their acceptance by this deadline may be removed from the conference program.

Honorarium & Registration

AAP does not provide honorariums, fees, or reimbursements for expenses related to presentations or travel. Speakers attending the full conference will receive a **50% discount on their registration fee** (applicable to regular rate, not early bird). A coupon code will be emailed to confirmed speakers who have indicated that they will be attending the full conference.

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Content Guidelines

AAP Connect sessions must not be used for self-promotion or sales presentations.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Speakers must disclose any potential conflicts of interest at the beginning of their slide presentation.

Presentation Format & PowerPoint Submission Deadline

PowerPoint will be the primary resource for all presentations. Final PowerPoint slides must be submitted via email to AAP no later than **October 9, 2026**.

Resource Sharing

Any PowerPoint slides or resources presented or shared during the conference may be distributed by AAP to conference attendees after the event.