Vision 2020: IMAGINING THE IMPOSSIBLE

The 13 International Low Vision Conference by ISLRR is coming to the Convention Centre Dublin, from 13 to 15 July 2020; with an opportunity for site visits on 16 July, including to the VISPA host organisations –NCBI, Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, ChildVision and Fighting Blindness,.

Vision 2020 Conference Theme
The theme for the conference is *Imagining the Impossible.* Low Vision Team practitioners including ophthalmologists, optometrists, vision therapists, rehabilitation specialists, occupational therapists, teachers and individuals with a visual impairment will meet to celebrate achievement, share inspirational thinking and practice to make the impossible a reality.

Our aim is to create a challenging and exciting conference programme that
- Honours the past and its legacy of dreams – *Reflecting on and celebrating achievement*;
- Presents the present and daring to dream the impossible – *Presenting what's possible now;*
- Explores the future and making 'impossible' dreams a reality – *Making the impossible a reality.*

We hope to inspire innovation and imagination to move vision research and rehabilitation practice to the next level!

To build the programme and encapsulate the ethos of international progression, opportunity and equity, we invite established practitioners to share their knowledge and young investigators to challenge us with new ideas. Focusing on the past, present, and future of low vision research and rehabilitation, abstracts are invited across the following conference sub-theme categories.

Vision 2020 Abstract Topic/Sub-Theme Submission Categories:

1. Vision 2020
Vision 2020 is the WHO global initiative that aimed to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020.
As the conference is being held in July 2020, this category calls for reflection on what has been achieved and what is still to do. Areas to consider are research and developments in epidemiology, design, analysis, and best practice in medical, clinical or rehabilitative processes and interventions. We want to celebrate all the achievements across the world that have happened as a result of Vision2020

2. Research
What are new areas in current research or emerging innovations in future research? This category welcomes abstracts on research which has had, is having or will have an impact on the field of low vision nationally or internationally. Areas to consider are emerging trends and analysis of medical, clinical, rehabilitation, therapy, support and advocacy needs and practices.

3. Rehabilitation

Has rehabilitation practice changed? How has creativity, imagination and technology impacted on current practice and what could it mean for expanding the boundaries of future practice?

This category welcomes abstracts reflecting on achievement and looking to the future of rehabilitation provision across the lifecycle, multidisciplinary practice, special interest groups (e.g. people who have complex needs, who are deafblind etc.), universal design and the importance and impact of positive health and resilience. Is rehabilitation practice sufficiently enabling activity and removing barriers to participation?

4. Applied Technology

This category welcomes abstracts that explore research, development and innovation in applied and assistive technology in a variety of contexts. How is the use of applied technology hardware and/or software impacting on life and professional practice? Has applied technology changed intervention in medical, clinical and rehabilitation practice? Is it breaking down barriers to participation in societal settings? These might include access to education, employment and the environment and participating in cultural and social activities.

5. Surprise Room

The only limit to the Surprise Room is your imagination! We are excited to include an open category in the programme. This category welcomes abstracts that present new ideas, exploratory research and innovations in practice. Be creative, bring your passion for research and practice to light – Go on, surprise us!

Abstracts are invited as

How do you want to present? Abstracts are invited as an oral presentation, case study, workshop or poster.

Abstracts can be submitted from 15 July 2019 to 20 January 2020.

Notification of the outcome of the review process will be given on 13 March 2020.