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What is the Helping Hands Fundraiser?

The Helping Hands Awards Dinner & Fundraiser on June 6, 2027, is an event to raise funds for the IUCH International Helping Hands Award.

The goal of the International Helping Hands Award is to recognize the importance of frontline health workers with northern, local, and Indigenous perspectives. The definition of frontline health workers is broad to include Community Health Representatives, Community Health Aides, and Community Midwives among many others.

All Registrants and guests are encouraged to attend.

The event includes:

Tour of Southcentral Foundation Nuka Program
Tour of the Southcentral Foundation Traditional Healing Clinic
Dinner
Youth and Elder Program

The International Helping Hands Awards Fundraiser Event is free to all Registrants and guests, but an onsite donation to the IUCH Helping Hands Award Fund is encouraged.

Please check the box on the Registration form; to indicate you will need round-trip transportation provided from the Hilton Hotel to the event at Southcentral Foundation. We will need the number of participants to organize transportation and food.

What is the Pre-Congress in Kotzebue, Alaska?

ICCH19 ~*“Thriving in a Changing Circumpolar Landscape: Wellness and Healing”*

June 3 & 4, 2027, PRE-CONGRESS ~ Qikiqtaġruk (Kotzebue), Alaska

What is a Circumpolar Health Congress?

- The premier scientific event on human health in the northern Circumpolar region
- A unique chance to exchange knowledge among international attendees

What is a Pre-Congress?

- On-site meetings in Qikiqtaġruk (Kotzebue), Alaska
- Meetings will be held for one afternoon and the following morning

What is the focus of the Pre-Congress?

- The syndemic (co-occurring epidemics) of sexually transmitted infections, HIV, viral Hepatitis B and C, and associated co-morbidities
- Research Governance

How can I attend?

- Registration fee to attend the afternoon and morning sessions is \$275
- The Registration fee for the pre-congress will be waived for members of Maniilaq Association
- Approval for the Pre-Congress will be determined by the Organizing Committee
- You must register for both the full Congress and the Pre Congress separately.
- Space will be limited for the Pre-Congress and priority given to those submitting abstracts to present or working in the areas of syndemic or research governance. If space does not allow for attendance registration fee will be refunded.

What will be covered with registration?

- Air travel from Anchorage or outlying communities around Kotzebue
- For one night: limited private room housing, student dorm-type housing and community-based housing

- Meals in Kotzebue.

Why should I attend both the Congress and Pre-Congress?

- Meet people from around the Circumpolar North
- Share your research findings and learn from others
- Expand your professional network and find new collaborators
- Get published in the ICCH Proceedings in the International Journal of Circumpolar Health
- Present at both the Pre-Congress and the Congress

Who is planning the Congress?

- The local organizers are the American Society for Circumpolar Health
- Partner organizations include the University of Alaska, Maniilaq and other tribal health organizations
- The International Union for Circumpolar Health co-hosts the Congress every 3 years

The Qikiqtaġruk (Kotzebue) PRE-CONGRESS is sponsored by:



Funds for this project were provided by the Indian Health Service through the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund."

How can I get a lower registration fee?

Register early.

By registering before January 8, 2027 you get the lowest registration fee. The fees increase again after March 1, 2027 and increase again for registering at the Congress.

-By joining one of the International Circumpolar Health Societies, you also get a reduced registration fee. (see Circumpolar Societies below)

-Students can register for a lower cost. (See Student definition below)

Who are Society or Adhering Body members for Registration Discount purposes?

Current circumpolar health Society members of these circumpolar Societies qualify for the Registration Discount:

American Society for Circumpolar Health

Canadian Society for Circumpolar Health

Danish/Greenlandic Society for Circumpolar Health

Nordic Society for Circumpolar Health

Siberian Branch of the Russian Federation of Science

<https://www.sbras.ru/en/index>

*Non-members are welcome, but please use the non-member fees schedule.

Society Membership ***is not*** included in the cost of ICCH19 registration and must be done separately and before Registration.

Please sign up to become a member of a circumpolar health society via the websites linked above **before** you register for ICCH19.

Who is a student for registration purposes?

Students are defined as a person currently enrolled in high school, an undergraduate degree-granting program, or a graduate school (for example, Masters, PhD, or medical professional training). Student registration fees are also for people who have graduated from one of those programs in 2025 or 2026.

-What is a “Rolling” abstract process?

“Rolling” or “Continuous” acceptance means that all submissions will undergo peer review as they are submitted via the Whova App.

When will I learn if my abstract is accepted?

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance or rejection within approximately 3 weeks of submission.

When will I know when I am presenting my paper and what format (oral or poster) ? The author will be notified of the presentation type (oral, poster) by March 19, 2027. This decision will be made by the Organizing Committee as they plan the Scientific Program, using the Themes described in the Call for Abstracts. You can tell us which type of presentation you prefer when you submit your abstract. The

Committee will take your preference into consideration but cannot guarantee you will get your first choice.

Will my abstract be published?

We plan to publish a Congress Proceedings in the International Journal of Circumpolar Health within a year after the Congress. This will include the accepted abstracts and other information about the Congress.

If my abstract is accepted in March, what registration fee will I pay?

You will pay the registration fee that was in effect when you submitted your abstract. We will send you a discount code with your abstract acceptance notice that you can use to register at the lower cost.

Will there be scholarships to attend the Congress?

Yes. We are actively looking for scholarship sponsors. These sponsored scholarships will be announced on the Congress Website as they become available. Some scholarships will be available for members of the international Circumpolar Health Societies. We suggest you join your local Society and inquire about scholarships.

Please note that Scholarships are typically given as reimbursements to the recipient, after they have paid for registration, hotel or travel costs.

Why should I stay at the Congress Hotel (Anchorage Hilton)?

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hilton Anchorage for a reduced daily rate for Congress attendees. This rate is much lower than other hotels in the area and puts you right at the Congress meetings and social events. By staying at the Hilton, you also help ICCH meet our obligations to the hotel and help keep registration costs lower. We recommend booking your room at the Hilton early to ensure you get a room at this low rate.

Can I attend the Congress remotely?

The Congress will be a live, in-person meeting. We do not plan to stream presentations on the internet. Keynote presentations and selected sessions will be recorded and posted on our website to view after the end of Congress.

Can I get Continuing Education Credits for attending ICCH19?

We plan to offer Continuing Education Credits for some US-based professional licenses, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and Community Health Aid Practitioners. Details on the number of credits will be made available after the final Program is determined.