



Did You Know?

IHEA published a thorough congress report following our 2023 Cape Town Congress, which can be read [here](#). The report highlights abstract submission and acceptance, EDI initiatives at the Congress and other post-congress survey findings. This information we gather is instrumental in planning our future congresses, including our 2025 Congress in Calgary, Canada!

Calling all health economists working in parts of the world that have not yet hosted an IHEA congress!

Do you work in an institution with a team of health economists who are eager to bring the largest gathering of health economists from around the world to your country? IHEA has just released its call for expressions of interest in hosting the 2027 World Congress on Health Economics and is eager to receive proposals from underrepresented regions. We particularly encourage proposals from regions that have not hosted many, or any, IHEA congresses before. You can view past IHEA Congress locations [here](#).

Proposals must be initiated and led by health economists based in universities or other research organizations, who would act as the local organizing committee.

You can find full information on what your proposal should contain [here](#). The deadline for proposals is **June 11, 2024**.

Annual Student Paper Prize

IHEA Student Prize Winners Announced

The [IHEA Student Prize](#) is to recognize excellence by students in the field of health economics. It was first awarded in 1999 and biennially thereafter to coincide with the IHEA congress. As from 2017, there has been a standing Student Paper Prize committee to award this prize annually to the Masters or Doctoral student paper judged as best in the award year. Each year the Committee considers submitted papers using similar criteria to that of the long-established Arrow Award. Submissions for the 2024 Prize were received from about 20 different countries.

The 2024 First Prize, is awarded to Matthew V. Zahn (Johns Hopkins University): “Entry and Competition in Insurance Markets: Evidence from Medicare Advantage”. This paper studies how to integrate private and public markets for health insurance. It develops and implements a framework that captures how insurers endogenously modify their market entry and product offering decisions in response to government subsidy policies and competition. It is applied to the Medicare Advantage program and finds alternative policies capable of generating similar entry and enrollment outcomes that lower government spending.

Honourable mentions go to the runners up, who share the second prize:

- Priscilla Kandoole (University of York): “Consumption Smoothing and Welfare Effects: *Mtukula Pakhomo* Social Cash Transfer Program” investigates the effects of the *Mtukula Pakhomo* cash transfer program in Malawi on consumption smoothing and welfare outcomes for labour constrained and ultra poor households in response to adverse shocks.
- Yuki Kanayama (Keio University): “Unintended Effects of Delayed Marriage on Women’s Attitudes toward Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Cambodia” examines how early marriage affects intimate partner violence in Cambodia.

The prize winners will present their papers at a special session of the 2025 IHEA Congress in Calgary.

Many thanks to all those who submitted papers for consideration, and to the Prize Committee for all their hard work. The next call for submissions will be issued later in 2024.

Student Prize Committee

Chairperson: Tinna Laufey Asgeirsdottir (University of Iceland)

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The Student Prize is sponsored by the Canadian Centre for Health Economics.



2025 ASSA Meeting Call for Papers

The [International Health Economics Association](#) (IHEA), the [American Society of Health Economists](#) (ASHEcon), and the Health Economics Research Organization (HERO) are soliciting papers for presentation at the 2025 [Allied Social Science Association](#) (ASSA) annual meeting to be held from January 3–5, 2025 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) in San Francisco, California. Based upon submitted abstracts, papers will be selected for two IHEA-organized sessions, one ASHEcon-organized session and five HERO-organized sessions.

IHEA seeks abstracts for sessions that will focus primarily on internationally relevant topics in health economics, ASHEcon seeks abstracts on topics related to US-focused health economics topics, and HERO seeks abstracts on all issues of relevance to the health economics field.

Submission Guidelines

Anyone is eligible to submit an abstract. Abstract text must be 500 words or less. **Please note that this is not a guarantee that all papers in a set would necessarily be on the program.** IHEA, ASHEcon, and HERO, are independent organizations each with affiliate status in the ASSA.

Note: as a condition of submission, if your paper gets into multiple ASSA/AEA areas, the submitter will withdraw from the others and prioritize these health economics sessions.

Please submit abstracts [here](#) by May 15, 2024

SIG Updates

Digital Health Technology SIG

Join us!

Interested in digital health? We welcome anyone interested in this rapidly evolving research area. Specifically, we encourage individuals who are:

- Currently working on projects related to this field
- Have expertise in economics applied to digital health

Please register on the SIG website [here](#)!

University Members

Short-Term Health Economics Courses at the Johns Hopkins Global Health Systems Summer Institute

The Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is hosting a [Global Health Systems Summer Institute](#) on **May 28** through **August 2, 2024**. The Institute is a great opportunity for early- to mid-career public health professionals to expand their skill sets and improve job performance.

Four health economics courses are offered:

- [Behavioral economics in health decisions](#), May 28–31 mornings. Taught by Antonio Trujillo
- [Globalization and health: Framework for analysis](#), May 28–31 afternoons. Taught by Andres Vecino-Ortiz
- [Introduction to global health economics](#), June 4–7. Taught by Andres Vecino-Ortiz
- [Disease and program costing in global health programs](#), June 24–28. Taught by Gatien de Broucker and Bryan Patenaude

Other topics include global health technology, primary health care, global health entrepreneurship, health systems strengthening, health systems management, health policy, health financing, health governance, and more. Most courses are offered online. Check out the

[institute website](#) for information on registration, tuition, scholarships, and full schedule. Contact Melissa Reed at melissar@jhu.edu with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Self-Control Failures, As Judged By Themselves

Date: April 8, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EDT / 3:30 PM - 4:30PM UTC

Featuring speaker: Liam Delaney, Professor, LSE

[Learn more and register here](#)



Motivation In Motion: Unraveling The Impact Of Wellness Incentives

Date: May 6, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM EDT / 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM UTC

Featuring speaker: Heather Royer, Professor, UCSB

[Learn more and register here](#)



Stay tuned for more on upcoming IHEA webinars! You can view all 2024 events [here](#).

Visit our website for all upcoming events!

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A promotional graphic featuring a woman in a yellow hoodie sitting at a desk with a laptop, wearing headphones. The graphic includes a blue speech bubble with the text "Visit our website for all upcoming events!" and a button labeled "EVENT LIST" with a mouse cursor icon. The background has a light blue and white wavy pattern.

Check out our website [here](#).

