

# IOMC 2017

## International Outcome Measurement Conference

Friday, September 15, and Saturday, September 16, 2017

Chicago, IL, USA

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, the *Journal of Applied Measurement*, and the Measurement Networking Group of ACRM, with the generous support of MetaMetrics, have collaborated to organize a health outcome measurement conference to be held at the new Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago - Shirley Ryan Abilitylab Hospital in Chicago. The state of the art rehabilitation hospital, located at 355. E. Erie in Chicago, will open in March 2017.

The conference schedule will allow two full days of presentations devoted to the application of Rasch measurement to health outcomes. The approximate cost of registration will be \$60 for professionals and \$35 for graduate students (Sorry about approximate, but we are still adding up the numbers hoping to lower the registration costs.).

The deadline for proposals for presentations is June 2, 2017. Following peer review, the papers presented at this conference will be published in the *Journal of Applied Measurement* beginning in 2018. The *Journal of Applied Measurement* is indexed in Pub Med and *Index Medicus*, which provides medical researchers easy access to the abstracts of the papers.

The conference will feature both plenary and concurrent presentations. Attendance at the meeting will be capped at 120, due to size of the meeting space.

The setting in Chicago provides an opportunity to celebrate the roots of the application of Rasch measurement to develop and improve health outcome scales. The work of Ben Wright in the 1970's and 1980's, exemplified by his collaboration with Ross Lambert at the Hines VA Blind Center, the redevelopment of the PECS system with Richard Harvey at Marianjoy Hospital, the work with Carl Granger at SUNY Buffalo on the FIM, and his work with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago on numerous outcome scales, is central to the development of health outcome scales that allow parametric analyses.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the latest developments for measuring health outcomes and to see the new Shirley Ryan Abilitylab.

For further information, please contact us at [IOMC2017@jampress.org](mailto:IOMC2017@jampress.org) or visit the conference website at [www.jampress.org](http://www.jampress.org) and click on the *IOMC2017-Chicago* link for the conference registration and submission forms. There is no conference hotel, but a list of hotels that offer special rates for conferences at RIC will be available.