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Montreal, July 14-July 17, 1980

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All those interested in the application in the health field of systems analysis, operational research, management sciences, cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses are invited to participate in this conference, and to submit an abstract (of about 400 words) in French or in English to the Conference Chairman before December 31, 1979. The applicants whose paper will be accepted will be advised before March 1, 1980. Authors are urged to bring the text of their paper (in French or English) with them at the Conference. Only those texts received at that time will be considered for publication in the Conference’s Proceedings.

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- Management of occupational health programs
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- Comparative analysis of health systems
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- Management information systems in health
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- Costs containment
- Costs of new technologies
- Utilization review
- Program evaluation
- Resources planning
- Mathematical programming applications in health
- Simulation model in health
- Decision theory application in health
- Probabilistic models in the health field
The official languages of the Conference are English and French. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

The Conference will include plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions including both invited and contributed papers. The Conference program will be available in March 1980. Abstracts will be published and distributed at the beginning of the Conference. Participants will also receive a copy of the Conference Proceedings.

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