



Call for Abstracts

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The CERF 2015 Scientific Program Committee invites you to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation for CERF 2015. The Federation is committed to bringing scientists and students from around the world together to exchange information and ideas about the science and management of coastal ecosystems. Our Federation conferences provide outstanding opportunities for professionals at all stages in their career for continuing education and development.

Please consider submitting an abstract that examines new findings within CERF's traditional scientific, education and management disciplines and encourages interaction among coastal and estuarine scientists and managers.

Additionally, the Scientific Program Committee encourages abstracts that promote intellectually stimulating discussions of the Grand Challenges in estuarine and coastal science including:

- Managing and mitigating the risks of climate change
- Synergistic effects of ocean acidification with hypoxia, eutrophication or other conditions
- Polar estuaries and coasts
- Making data work
- Cities by the sea
- Estuaries under threat and
- Multiple uses of coastal resources.

Session Information

There will be over 100 sessions at CERF 2015! One of the first, and most important, steps is determining which of these sessions will provide the best forum for your research. During the abstract submission process, you will be asked to select a first and second session choice. An online searchable database of sessions is now available!

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Policies and Procedures for Submitting Abstracts to CERF 2015

Abstract submittal deadline is 1 May, 11:59 PM PDT / 6:59 AM GMT

Electronic submittal: This method is highly encouraged through the [online abstract submittal portal](#). All abstracts must be received by the closing date noted above. Each submitter will be prompted to select a first choice and second choice session for their submission.

Postal/Courier Mail: Under special circumstances and to encourage submittals from regions and countries with historically low submission rates, special arrangements for submissions may be made by contacting the CERF office by phone at +1 206-209-5262 or e-mail at conference@erf.org.

Abstract Fee: All submittals, including invited abstracts, must be accompanied by the abstract fee of **\$65 USD** for submission.

Conference Registration: All accepted oral and poster presenters must register to attend CERF 2015. Presenters are highly encouraged to [register online](#) for CERF 2015 in advance.

One abstract submittal per person: Please note that CERF has a one presentation per person policy. This means that each participant is permitted to be the **lead author or presenter on only one poster OR oral presentation**. You may be co-author on other presentations. This policy was adopted to ensure that conference sessions contain contributions from as many people as possible.

Notification: Notifications of acceptance for abstracts and presentation assignments will be emailed in August 2015.

Scientific Program Formats

1. **Oral presentations.** Each oral presentation will be assigned a total of 15 minutes including a 12-minute talk plus a 3-minute discussion period. Due to the number of sessions and presentations, this time cannot be extended.
2. **Poster presentations.** Posters are an essential part of the scientific program. Our goal is to provide high quality poster sessions that are equal to oral sessions in their ability to provide exposure, participation and feedback.

We strongly encourage every person who is submitting an abstract to seriously consider presenting his or her work in poster format. Since we expect over 1,000 abstracts to be received, many thematic and other factors will be simultaneously optimized to create the best possible conference program. The Steering Committee reserves the right to assign abstracts to either poster or oral sessions. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Questions/Support

Technical questions or concerns about your submission should be directed to OmniPress support desk by clicking on the 'Support' button on the upper right hand corner of the abstract submittal form.

Scientific program questions or concerns should be directed to conference@erf.org. Your inquiries will be sent to the proper person for response.

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