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Abstract Submittal Opens: 30 January 2019

Abstract Deadline: 1 May 2019

Registration Opens: 14 February 2019

Early Bird Registration Deadline: 15 May 2019

Student Travel Award Application Deadline: 6 August 2019

Presenter Confirmation/Registration Deadline: 3 September 2019

Advance Registration Deadline: 6 October 2019

Please submit online through www.cerf.science/2019-call-for-abstracts (Details below.)

The CERF 2019 Scientific Program Committee (SPC) invites you to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation for CERF 2019. 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 environmental management professionals.

The SPC also encourages abstracts that promote intellectually stimulating discussions related to our theme, including:

- Enhancing scientific relevance by integrating across disciplines
- Extracting new information from existing data
- Managing working coastlines and their multiple uses/resources across the natural and sociological continuum
- Readiness through communication and management of threats
- Responding to global climate change
- Cultural heritage and coastal humanities
- Diverse audiences

A list of CERF 2019 special and general sessions is available at

<https://cerf.confex.com/cerf/2019/webprogrampreliminary/start.html> as of 30 January 2019.

Be sure to watch for your email for reminders and to submit your abstract by the 1 May 2019 deadline.

Policies and Procedures for Submitting Abstracts to CERF 2019

Abstract Submission opens on 30 January 2019. The abstract submission deadline is 1 May 2019 at 11:59 PM PST (04:59 GMT).

The abstract submittal portal is accessed via the CERF 2019 conference web site at www.cerf.science/2019-call-for-abstracts. All abstracts must be received by the closing date noted above. Any abstracts received after the deadline may not be eligible for inclusion in the conference program.

Each submitter will be prompted to select a first choice and second choice session for their submission.

Guidelines: Please review the following guidelines and tips before submitting your abstract. If the guidelines are not followed, your abstract will not be accepted.

1. **SESSION:** Choose your first and second choice of sessions (see <https://cerf.confex.com/cerf/2019/webprogrampreliminary/start.html> to search sessions).
2. **TITLE:** There is a limit of 15 words for the title. The title should be entered in sentence case (i.e., only the first word and proper nouns are capitalized).
3. **PREFERRED PRESENTATION TYPE:** Descriptions of each format are in the next section; Traditional Oral is a 15-minute slot, Lightning is a 5-minute slot, Posters remain visible for 2 days. Select one:
 - Traditional Oral preferred, Lightning or Poster are acceptable
 - Lightning preferred, Traditional Oral or Poster are acceptable
 - Traditional Oral preferred, Poster is acceptable (no Lightning)
 - Lightning preferred, Poster is acceptable (no Traditional Oral)
 - Poster Only
4. **STUDENT AWARDS:** If you are a student, you can choose to have your presentation judged for the Student Awards.
5. **RELEASE OF ABSTRACT:** You must agree to the publication of your abstract in conference related materials and on the website where it will be publicly available.
6. **AUTHOR INFORMATION:** Enter authors in the order they should appear in the abstract. Provide institutional affiliations and contact information. There is a 12 author limit per abstract.
7. **KEYWORDS:** Select up to five key words for your submission.
8. **ABSTRACT:** All abstracts must be in English and metric units are preferred. There is a limit of 2,000 characters for the text of your abstract. The character count includes spaces.
9. **ABSTRACT FEE:** Abstracts will not be accepted into the scientific program without payment. The CERF 2019 fee is \$70 USD. Secure online payment is available at the end of the submission process. Please note that abstract fees are non-refundable.

Scientific Program Formats

Since we expect more than 1,000 abstracts to be received, many thematic and other factors will be simultaneously optimized to create the best possible conference program. The SPC reserves the right to assign abstracts to either poster or oral sessions; assignment to a Lightning presentation will only occur if the applicant indicates their willingness on the abstract submission form. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Oral sessions may be comprised of traditional oral presentations, all Lightning presentations, or a mix of the two.

1. Traditional Oral presentations. Each oral presentation will be assigned a total of 15 minutes encompassing a 12-minute talk plus a 3-minute discussion period. Due to the number of sessions and presentations, time cannot be extended. Given the number of abstracts that the SPC expects will be submitted, some participants that request an oral presentation will be assigned a poster; please consider indicating that a Lightning talk is an option during your abstract submittal process if it is the case.

2. Lightning presentations. Lightnings are a 5-minute fast-paced presentation requiring the presenter to focus on the essence of what they want to communicate. Slide shows are created with 20 slides and programmed to have the slides advance automatically every 15 seconds. (Need more time on a slide? Put the same slide in twice!). To keep pace with the timing of the traditional orals, two Lightnings will occur in a 15-minute time block, with 2 minutes for questions following each Lightning.

3. Poster presentations. Posters are an essential part of the scientific program. While most poster sessions will be closely linked to oral sessions, a limited number may be organized as a stand-alone session at the discretion of the session chair. Our goal is to provide high quality poster sessions that are equal to oral sessions in their ability to provide exposure, participation, and feedback.

One abstract submittal per person

Please note that the Federation 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 Federation conference sessions contain contributions from as many people as possible.

Education Sessions

The conference limit of one first author oral or poster presentation per individual does not apply to the Education Sessions (listed below). The abstract fee will be waived for second abstracts submitted to these sessions.

If you intend to submit a second abstract in the Education category, please enter your scientific-focused abstract first. You will then be given an opportunity to enter your complimentary education abstract.

Eligible Education sessions include:

- *Artistic Pathways to Scientific Understanding*
- *Education Partnerships in Coastal and Marine Science*
- *Education: Creative Teaching to Improve Success for Marine-Focused Undergraduate Students*
- *Outreach and Engagement of our Estuaries, Coasts, and Oceans*

Cultural Heritage and Coastal Humanities (CH/CH) Sessions

We encourage abstracts that highlight cultural stewardship and the human dimensions of risk and change associated with coastal communities' heritage and economies. See the Cultural Heritage and Coastal Humanities Page for further details.

(<https://www.cerf.science/cultural-heritage-and-coastal-humanities>).

Presenter Confirmation/Cancellation Policy

The presenting author of accepted abstracts must confirm their participation by registering for the conference by 3 September 2019. For details, please see the Conference Presenter Cancellation policy (<https://www.cerf.science/cerf-2019-policies>).

Thank you in advance for your submission.

Questions/Support

Technical questions or concerns about your submission should be directed to Confex at cerf@confex.com. Questions or concerns related to the scientific program should be directed to CERF at info@cerf.science. Your inquiries will be sent to the proper person for response.

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