Our Watershed Moment: Building Communities for Conservation

Call for Presentation Proposals
Deadline: November 1, 2021 11:59PM Central Time

2022 Iowa Water Conference
Dubuque, Iowa
March 29-30, 2022

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The 16th annual Iowa Water Conference will be held March 29-30th in Dubuque Iowa. We all live in a watershed; each watershed has one common resource – its water. The Mississippi River and its watershed are the foundation for a large, diverse community that affects the use and resilience of many of this country's natural resources. Individuals and communities throughout the region have stories to tell. How does water impact them? How are they innovating to increase resilience and mitigate the impacts of climate change?

The conference will emphasize the historical influence the river has had on neighboring communities, agriculture, recreation, and ecology, as well as examine the roles Iowa and other neighboring states have in protecting it. This year's theme emphasizes the importance that watershed citizenship has in making strides towards improving soil health and water quality goals in our communities, in our watersheds, and in the larger region – The Mississippi River Basin.

At the Iowa Water Conference, sharing these stories will connect us through shared experiences within the river basin. We hope you join us for these timely discussions in Dubuque as we come together to explore the value of water in our watershed community.

Proposal Information

The Iowa Water Conference Planning Committee is specifically interested in proposals that address the theme of this year's conference. Proposals that do not directly relate will be considered by the committee if they address innovative, novel ideas that are new advances in the topic or emphasizes interdisciplinary teams at work.

Accepted proposals include at least one of the following:

- Emphasizes diversity of science and members of society (institution, geography, gender, ethnicity, subject)
- Timely topics that address real-time needs of Iowans
- Exemplifies success stories, ground-breaking data, or interesting angles of approach for a subject
- Addresses policy discussions on water resources in a manner that is data-driven and informed by scientific discovery

<u>Presentation Options</u>

- Plenary Presentation (45-minutes, full conference audience)
- Breakout Presentation (30-minutes, small classroom session in a themed track)
- Panel Presentation (30-minutes, brief introduction with discussion among presenters and session attendees)
- Mini Workshop (60-minutes, guided session that teaches the audience a skill, technology, or other material)

<u>Subject Areas (check top two that apply)</u>

- *2022 Special topic*: Mississippi River
- *2022 Special topic*: Driftless Landform Region
- Climate change and water
- Local agriculture and urban partnerships
- Nutrient management
- Soil/Water connection
- Social engagement
- Current technology

- Green infrastructure for stormwater management
- Wildlife and Ecosystems
- Current Research
- Economics and Policy
- Watershed Management
- Community Engagement and Education
- River restoration

<u>Thematic Track</u>

Presenters with a thematic track may submit an abstract that must address a subtopic of this year's theme as listed on page 1 of this document. Abstract submissions must include a complete list of presenters for the track and the titles of their presentations in the body of the abstract text *in the order that the presentations should be listed on the agenda*. The submitting author for this abstract is responsible for moderating the track and coordinating presentations for their track. Thematic track can be up to approximately 90 minutes, with conference-wide breaks scheduled throughout the schedule.

Please select "thematic track" in the menu of choices for the track in Microsoft CMT (see below for instructions).

<u>Information Regarding Co-Presenters</u>

<u>For the abstract submission, please only register individuals who are co-presenting for any of the presentation options listed above. Co-authors (i.e. those who are participants in the project/research but are not presenting) should not be listed in the submission. Presenters are welcome to acknowledge co-authors or participants in the project/research in an acknowledgment section during the presentation at the conference.</u>

It is recommended that 1-2 presenters are associated with each individual presentation because of time limitations. However, due to partnership efforts, presentations may have additional co-presenters due to the above presentation options.

<u>Session Set Up</u>

Each room will be equipped with:

- A laptop
- Projector and screen
- One podium
- One microphone
- Classroom-style seating for audience

Additional materials/equipment will be the responsibility of the presenter to bring.

Communication

To receive notification and updates, please make sure emails from hbates@iastate.edu and messages from Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit are not blocked or routed to the Spam Folder of your inbox.

Please spell out all acronyms and abbreviations at least once in submitted text.

Proposal Submission

Proposals will be submitted through Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit. No submissions will be accepted via email to conference organizers. Please read the below instructions for completing the submission process. Incomplete submissions or submissions sent to Iowa Water Conference staff or planning committee members will be eliminated from consideration.

1. Go to https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/IWC2022
2. Select "Create Account" and fill out the requested information to register
3. Once you are logged in, follow the below prompts to create your submission.
4. Select "Create New Submission"
5. Select "IWConf21 Presentations" for presentation submission
6. Enter the title and abstract
7. Select "Add" under the Authors section to add additional **co-presenters** if any***
8. Select applicable Subject Areas
9. Answer additional questions
10. Select submit

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