

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

12th Annual Iowa Water Conference
Our Watershed, Our Community
March 21-22, 2018; Ames, Iowa

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: September 4, 2017

The Iowa Water Conference planning committee is seeking dynamic presentations for the 2018 Iowa Water Conference. This conference is an annual gathering of water professionals, researchers, educators and students from across Iowa and surrounding states.

We are soliciting two types of presentations: *plenary presentations*, which should address a broad audience of both urban and rural backgrounds, and *break-out presentations*, which should fit within one of eight track topics.

Success in water-related work, whether it is out in the farm field, a backyard, or in city infrastructure, cannot be achieved alone. It is done by a community and for a community. With that in mind, the Iowa Water Conference Planning Committee is happy to announce the theme for the 2018 Iowa Water Conference: "Our Watershed, Our Community." This theme was inspired by the large, complex network of water-related professionals in Iowa that support local watershed work.

Submissions to this call should address the conference theme. All presentations will have use of A/V equipment (including laptop/projector and microphone/speakers). The Scheman Building has free wi-fi.

Plenary Presentation Format

Plenary Presentations will be held on March 21st at 10:10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 4:20 p.m., and March 22nd at 8:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 2 p.m. Presentations slots will be approximately 45 minutes, **including time for questions**. Presentations will be held in Benton Auditorium for the entire conference audience.

Break-out Presentation Format

Break-out presentations will be held March 21st between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and March 22nd between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Presentation slots are approximately 30 minutes long, **including time for questions**. Presentations requiring more than one consecutive time slot will be considered on a limited basis in 2018 at the discretion of the committee. Please identify this in the description section of your application.

Presentations can be in any one of the following formats:

-Traditional Presentation. Focused on a single topic or program; includes a talk followed by a short discussion.

-Roundtable Discussion. Informal presentation that emphasizes discussion between the presenter(s) and session attendees. Presenters start the discussion with a short presentation of information, followed by an open discussion for input and exchange of ideas.

-Panel Discussion. Allows for a short opening statement from panel members presenting different perspectives on a topic or question, followed by an open discussion directed either by session attendees or a list of pre-set questions.

-Guided workshop. Presenter provides skill-developing activities on a targeted topic and facilitates completion of that activity.

Break-out presentation topics should address one of the following tracks:

-Water quantity

-Flood management and climate change

-Local agriculture & urban partnerships

-Nutrient management

-The soil/water connection

-Strategies for social engagement

-Current technology

-Green infrastructure for stormwater management

In addition, your application should indicate the sector of water management, as identified here:

-Storm Water

-Floodplain Management

-Agriculture and the Environment

-Watershed Management Authorities & Watershed Projects

-Research

-Economics and Policy

-Wildlife and Ecosystems

How to submit a proposal

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Name and Representative Organization of the lead presenter as it will appear in program
2. Co-presenters (optional; please only include those who will speak in the presentation)
3. Indicate the type of presentation: Plenary or Break-out
4. If Break-out, indicate the format: traditional, roundtable discussion, panel discussion, or guided workshop.
5. If Break-out, identify which tracks your proposal fits. This helps the conference committee categorize presentations.
6. If Break-out, identify the sector(s) of water management your proposal addresses. This helps the conference committee design a well-rounded agenda.
7. Title of session (please be descriptive and creative!)
8. Summary. Please limit summary to 40 words - this will be printed in the program if your session is selected. The summary should entice participants to attend your session.
9. Description. Please limit description to 250 words. Your description should describe the topic, how you intend to deliver the information and why your topic fits within the track topic/sector (as applicable).
10. Email address of person completing the form.

Please use the web form located at <https://isuxext.typeform.com/to/tBMj7v> to submit your proposal no later than **11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 2017.**

Proposal review and notification

Proposals will be reviewed by the Iowa Water Conference planning committee which includes representatives from a wide range of academic, governmental and non-profit organizations.

A member of the review committee will notify applicants of their proposal status by September 8, 2017.

For questions related to submissions or the review process, please contact Hanna Bates (hbates@iastate.edu).