

**Call for Presentation Proposals**  
**Deadline: September 30, 2019 11:59PM**

Iowa Water Conference 20/20: Bringing Our Water Vision into Focus  
Scheman Building, Ames, Iowa  
April 8-9, 2020

*What does the path to meaningful change look like across the vast spectrum of water resource issues? Who are the drivers of change and who should be included at the table as critical change agents?* The theme of the 2020 Iowa Water Conference is centered on the answers to these questions. We want to transform water resource work in the year 2020 to be 20/20 as an effort to refocus our vision of the future for how we can promote inclusive, resilient water resource management.

This conference will focus on our evolving relationship with water at a personal and societal scale, as well as what the future may hold if we continue our current trajectory. Through scientific discovery, diverse change agents, and foresight on future challenges, we will move into an equitable and verdurous world of the future.

The committee welcomes proposals on all water-related topics, but especially encourage submissions that address:

- Equity, inclusion, and environmental justice
- Innovations in agriculture for future resilience
- Emerging water resource contaminants
- Meeting future Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia targets
- Social impacts on conservation
- Mitigating climate change impacts on water resources
- Nontraditional approaches to citizen engagement with water

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 will be asked to include at least one slide addressing how their presentation topic contributes to the vision for Iowa's water future.**

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

## Presentation Options

- Plenary Presentation (45-minutes, full conference audience)
- Breakout Presentation (30-minutes, small classroom session in a themed track)
- Roundtable 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)

## Subject Areas (check top two that apply)

- Water quantity
- Flood management and climate change
- 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
- Watersheds and Floodplain management

## Thematic Track

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).

## Session Set Up

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](mailto: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/IWC2020>
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 "IWConf20 Presentations" for presentation submission
6. Enter the title and abstract
7. Select "Add" under the Authors section to add additional authors, if any
8. Select applicable Subject Areas
9. Answer additional questions
10. Select submit