



Building Resilience for Water and People

Call for Presentation Proposals

2021 Iowa Water Conference
Virtual Conference
Spring 2021

Presentation Proposals due: November 20, 2020 11:59PM

2021 Iowa Water Conference will be virtual

To protect the health of our water community, the 2021 Iowa Water Conference will be held in a virtual format. We are in the process of coordinating the virtual venue, which may impact the current date of the conference. We will still aim to hold the conference in the spring as close as we are able to the original date planned.

We will be making announcements in the upcoming weeks regarding specific dates and the conference platform, and so we ask for your patience at this time. We welcome you to continue submitting abstracts for presentations and posters. **We will be extending the deadline for the presentation abstracts to November 20 11:59PM.**

If you have any questions, please contact Hanna Bates, hbates@iastate.edu

Building Resilience for Water and People

In this new decade, Iowa has faced several unprecedented challenges that tested the resiliency and revealed the fragility of our economic and social systems. COVID-19 has strained public health resources and water infrastructure, a devastating derecho storm impacted millions of crop acres, and climate change and land use decisions are exacerbating flooding events in some areas of the state and causing severe drought in other areas. It is in these times that we can look to resilient systems that serve as testing grounds for innovation and model the ways we can adapt and refocus our vision of inclusive, resilient water resource management in Iowa.

A new era of water resource management is needed to meet our current challenges. We welcome you to be part of these timely discussions.

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 lowans
- 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)
- 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)

Subject Areas (check top two that apply)

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| • <i>2021 Special topic:</i> Mississippi River | • Current technology |
| • <i>2021 Special topic:</i> Driftless Landform Region | • Green infrastructure for stormwater management |
| • Climate change and water | • Wildlife and Ecosystems |
| • Local agriculture and urban partnerships | • Current Research |
| • Nutrient management | • Economics and Policy |
| • Soil/Water connection | • Watershed Management |
| • Social engagement | • Community Engagement and Education |

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).

Information Regarding Co-Presenters

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**. 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 due to the above presentation options.

Presenters are welcome to acknowledge co-authors or participants in the project/research in an acknowledgment section during the presentation at the conference.

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.

In the event of a virtual conference, IT support will be provided in advance of the conference to ensure that the format is accessible. Presenters are expected to have access to equipment to support a virtual presentation, including: a computer, microphone, and high-speed Internet.

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/IWC2021>.
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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