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 severe drought in others. 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.

Eligibility

The general poster session is for researchers, water professionals, and students to showcase projects to conference attendees.

Dates and Location

Posters will be available to attendees in a virtual format. We are requesting presenters to submit a recorded lightning presentation of their poster to be uploaded and viewed by attendees, especially for those who are participating in the student poster contest. Our Event Coordinator will reach out with instructions to self-tape with a link to a CyBox folder for uploading the files. Once uploaded, these files will be imported into the platform.

Topics

The Iowa Water Conference Planning Committee is specifically interested in posters that address the theme of this year’s conference. Posters 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 posters 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 subject
• Addresses policy discussions on water resources in a manner that is data-driven and informed by scientific discovery

**Traditional Tracks (select a primary and secondary topic)**

• 2021 Special topic: Mississippi River
• 2021 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

**Conference Attendance**

Poster presenters must attend the Iowa Water Conference. Registration for the conference can be accessed in February 2021.

Students entered in the Poster Contest **will be expected to record a brief video describing their poster for judges and attendees to access.** Judges will review contest posters throughout the first two days of the conference. Contest award winners will be announced during an awards ceremony at the conference. Students are encouraged to review the poster evaluation form prior to the conference to understand the contest criteria (end of this document).

**Poster Displays and Dimensions**

To be displayed in a virtual format, we request that posters be in a high-resolution format but no more than 2MB. Poster files must be uploaded to CyBox by March 22nd. The link to upload posters will be provided via email from our event coordinator.

**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.
Poster 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 will be eliminated from consideration.

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 “Posters” for poster submission
6. Enter the title and abstract
7. Select “Add” under the Authors section to add additional authors, if any
8. Answer additional questions
9. Select submit
# Iowa Water Conference

Student Poster Contest – Evaluation and Comments

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This is a sample poster title.

John Smith, Iowa State University, Ames, IA. someone@iastate.edu

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**Organization** – Was the poster organized and/or well planned? Did the organization allow you to follow the logic of the author?

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**Discussion** – Was the individual well prepared to direct a discussion and answer questions about their topic?

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**Visuals** – Were the visuals well prepared, legible and understandable?

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**Content** – Was the level of information acceptable? Was there too much or too little information for an effective poster?

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**Abstract** – Was the abstract written clearly? Did it allow you to obtain preliminary information appropriate for this presentation?

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