

Call for Abstracts for Oral Presentations and Posters

General Information

The vast majority of presentations for the Asia-Pacific Conference are selected from this open call. Abstracts not exceeding 300 words can be submitted online on or before the 14th of June 2019. Please refer to the guidelines provided below for more information.

The accepted abstracts will be placed in one of three categories – Oral presentation (15 min slot in symposia and in general sessions), Speed presentation (5 min talk with or without a poster) or poster presentation (a presentation of the poster for one full day of the conference), based on the judgment of the Scientific Committee.

When making the submission, authors will have **the option of selecting one or more scheduled symposia** under which they wish to present the abstract. The Scientific Committee will try to accommodate the author's preference to the extent possible. The available topics for symposia are as follows. There will be general sessions as well for the authors to present.

Topics of Symposia

Bridging the elements of biodiversity: Save, study and use

Save

1. Bridging science and practice in reptile and amphibian conservation
2. Application of novel technologies and conservation tools in the tropics
3. Landscape governance for biodiversity conservation
4. Managing human elephant conflict in the human dominated landscape
5. Conservation of marine ecosystems
6. Conservation management strategies for Asia's wild cats
7. Making science matter- from conservation research to implementation
8. Mitigating unplanned development and the impact on biodiversity
9. Conservation-based species recovery: technical and management insights
10. Tracking wildlife crimes: Extent, Technologies and Field Monitoring Methods

Study

1. Species interaction networks and community ecology
2. Capturing speciation in the tropics using ecological and molecular tools
3. The biogeographic origins and phylogenetic diversity of the unique biota in the Indian subcontinent
4. India-Sri Lanka biotic turnover
5. Changing diversity and ecosystem services in the face of climate change
6. Impact of plastic pollution and microplastics debris on marine life
7. Diversity and Conservation of Insect Fauna in Agro-ecosystems
8. Plant functional ecology for better understanding and conservation of tropical forest plants
9. Biological indicators of ecosystem health
10. Biodiversity monitoring and science literacy empowerment
11. Ecological processes in modified tropical landscapes
12. Biodiversity loss, causes, consequences, and novel approaches for mitigation
13. Spatial and temporal variation in the dynamics of Asian and Pacific forest ecosystems
14. Exploring the nightlife – ecology of nocturnal animals
15. Sustaining the coastal and mangrove ecosystems
16. Connectivity in tropical landscapes

Use

1. Protected area management in the tropics: challenges and directives
2. Sustainable banking – considering biodiversity as a risk in lending
3. Sustainable analog forest ecosystems and restoration models in the region
4. Indigenous knowledge, sustainable agriculture and biodiversity conservation
5. Land sharing: sustaining diversity in the agricultural landscape
6. Bridging the gap – facilitating stakeholder partnerships for conservation

General instructions for abstract submission

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words should be submitted via online [Abstract Submission system](#) by the 14th June 2019. Abstracts sent by post, fax or email will not be accepted unless the inability to use the submission system is clearly justified.

- During the submission process the authors will have to select the Symposium of their choice by ticking the relevant box. Accepted abstract may be reallocated to another symposium depending on relevance.
- Abstracts should be systematically ordered and informative to cover the background, rationale, objectives, methods, results and conclusion of the study. Do not include figures, graphs or citations within the abstract. Any submitted figures or graphs will not be published.
- Please refer to ‘tips on writing a good abstract for a scientific conference’ on <http://www.southernfriedscience.com/distracted-by-abstracts-tipsfor-writing-a-good-abstract-for-a-scientific-conference/>
- Abstracts will be rejected if they do not comply with the guidelines especially if they lack results or if the English is flawed.
- The accepted abstracts will be placed in one of three categories based on the judgment of the Scientific Committee. Authors can choose the category they wish to present (if selected) during the abstract submission stage.
 - Oral presentation (15 min slot in symposia and in general sessions),
 - Speed presentation (5 min talk with or without a poster. The authors will have the option of presenting an accompanying poster with the same title as the speed talk in the poster session),
 - Poster presentation (a presentation of the poster for one full day of the conference),
- Once an abstract is accepted the presenter must register for the conference online and will have to bear all expenses related to travel and accommodation during the sessions.
- There is a potential for awards and scholarships to open and for those who submitted abstracts could stay alert and check our web updates frequently for awards and scholarship opportunities.
- Acknowledgement of the receipt of abstract submission will be sent to the presenting author's email address immediately upon submission. An email notifying acceptance or rejection of the abstract will be sent no later than 30th June 2019. The Corresponding Author will receive all correspondence regarding the abstract status, presentation type, date and time by 1st August 2019.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to change the session, date, and time of a presentation. But the Corresponding Author will be duly informed.

- Audio-visual testing facilities will be available for testing and viewing presentations during the conference. Each power-point file should be saved as “name-session-time” and turned over to the audio-visual manager on the day prior to presentation. More information will be provided in the Acceptance Letter.
- We will select three best student presentations from each category; oral, speed talk and poster. Certificates and valuable gifts will be available for the winners.

Guidelines for Oral Presenters

Each oral presentation will comprise of a 12-minute presentation and 3-minute question and answer session.

Guidelines for Poster Presentations

Poster board size is: 2.2 m (height) x 1.0 m (width). Your poster must be printed on paper. Do Not use any form of lamination. Material to fix your poster on the board will be provided. Each poster board should have the number indicated in your notification letter. Please refer to ‘tips on designing a good poster for a scientific conference’ on https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/AnnMtg_BES-Poster-Design-Guidelines.pdf

Guidelines for Speed Presentations

Speed (5-min) presentations are an increasingly popular option in large academic conferences. The following tips would be helpful in preparing a successful speed presentation. The authors will be given the option of presenting an accompanying poster with the same title as the speed talk in the poster session.

- Have a clear message – speed presentations are intended to be brief introductions to your work. If the audience finds your work interesting, they will seek you out at some point during the conference for further discussion. Make sure your key messages (e.g. your study question, the novelty of your approach, its overall relevance) comes across to the audience in a clear and concise manner.
- Be selective – remember so that the audience will be listening to many presentations in a short period. So be selective in what you want to say and do not attempt to fit in too many key messages into a single presentation.
- Do not rush – a speed presentation is not meant to be a ‘fast version’ of a regular presentation.
- 5-10 slides – a common rule of thumb for effective presentations is to have ~1 slide per minute. The maximum number of slides should be 10 with the title and a few ‘transition’ slides (slides for acknowledging relevant persons, photos etc. do not require much time).
- Rehearse – make sure you know how much time you require for your presentation and rehearse until you have a presentation that takes a bit less than 5 minutes (e.g. 4 min 30 sec).

- Do not exceed your allotted time – this is very important. The session chairs will strictly enforce the 5-min limit per presentation. So please make sure you finish before the allocated time, otherwise the moderator will be obliged to embarrass you by cutting short the presentation.
- Enjoy – this is a valuable opportunity to share your ideas with an engaged audience and obtain feedback.