

GUIDELINES FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The 8th International Fisheries Observer & Monitoring Conference 2016 Organising Committee welcomes and thanks you for your contribution to the 2016 Conference.

In order to ensure that your poster presentation runs smoothly, a number of services and facilities will be provided to you. Please take the time to **read these guidelines ahead of time** to ensure your presentation is successful.

REGISTRATION

Prior to the Conference

All poster authors are required to register for the Conference. If you have not yet registered, please visit www.ifomc.com.au and complete the delegate registration form.

Onsite at the Conference

Poster authors will need to visit the registration desk when they first arrive at the Conference to collect their name badge and other related materials.

If you have any queries regarding the program or your poster display, please visit the **registration desk** located on the 5th floor in the Mission Bay Ballroom, Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego. Operating times will be confirmed closer to the Conference.

LOCATION OF POSTER DISPLAY AREA

Poster boards will be located on the 5th floor in the Mission Bay Ballroom.

For identification purposes, a poster board number will be provided to you when you check-in at the registration desk. Please ensure that your poster is displayed on the correct poster board. Do not place your poster in an alternate location.

POSTER PRESENTATION TIME

You may wish to stand next to your poster during a morning or afternoon break over the course of the Conference to answer questions from delegates. We are also anticipating having a dedicated poster session one afternoon during the week.

POSTER SET-UP/REMOVAL

Set-up of posters – from 4.00 pm, Sunday 28 August 2016

Removal of posters – after 3.30 pm on Thursday 1 September 2016, all posters must be removed by 9:00 am on Friday 2 September 2016.

PRESENTATION OF POSTERS

Posters should be a visual presentation of your submitted abstract and should meet the following criteria:

TITLE

The title should be the same as indicated in the original abstract.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of all authors and their organisation should appear on the poster.

SIZE

Posters must be no larger than **850mm wide x 2000mm high (33.46 x 78.74 inches)**. Posters larger than these dimensions will exceed the allocated space per poster and it will not be possible to display the poster during the Conference. It is therefore necessary that the poster adheres to the specified measurements.

LETTERING

The poster should be easily readable at a distance of two (2) metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FONT SIZE

TYPE OF TEXT	CHARACTER SIZE	CASE/STYLE	GENERAL ADVICE
TITLE	20-24 mm or 100 point maximum	Title Case / Bold	At the top of the poster include the title of the presentation, the name of the author and their organisation.
HEADINGS	48 point is suggested 60 point maximum	Title Case	Headings such as "Introduction", "Methods", "Results", "Discussions" and "Conclusions" are useful.
CONTENT	24-28 point 32 maximum Single spaced	Upper and Lower Case	The text should be brief throughout. Any description of methods should be simple and concise.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All financial support for the work and collaboration must be acknowledged as part of the poster.

GENERAL ADVICE FOR FIRST TIME PRESENTERS

- Please note all presentations must be made in English.
- The message that your poster contains should be clear and understandable without the requirement of oral explanation. Methods should be presented simply and concisely.
- Handouts can be very useful, however please note that these cannot be placed on the floor for safety reasons. If handouts or poster packaging is found on the floor the Conference Managers will remove it. If you wish to supply handouts you must hand these to delegates personally or provide a holder that can be attached to your poster board with Velcro.
- After the title, the two most important panels are the Introduction and the Conclusion. On the basis of these two panels, a reader will decide whether to consider the poster details and perhaps talk to the presenter. These panels need to be very simple, concise and visually attractive.
- Results should be presented graphically if possible. Avoid large tables of data.
- Use pictures, symbols and colour. Figure legends are essential and should be short but informative. Each graph should have a short heading. For visual effect, we recommend that graphs be no smaller than 12cm x 18cm.
- A matt finish on photographs gives better visibility. Photographs should be no smaller than 12cm x 18cm.
- Use the space to attract your audience for discussion, not to present complex details of methods and results.

Velcro dots will be supplied to attach your poster to the poster board. Pins securing posters are not effective as the poster boards are covered in a felt material.

We wish poster presenters all the best with their presentation.
For further details or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Conference Managers.