8th International Young Water Professionals Conference

Call for Abstracts

10-13 December, 2017
Capetown, South Africa

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Organised by:

IWA
the international water association

WISA
Water Institute of Southern Africa

YWP
Young Water Professionals
This year’s conference themed around “Building Leaders & Making Impact” challenges you to demonstrate the impact of your work. Workshops and learning sessions will take place during the conference to build your capacity as the next generation of water leaders.

Instead of the conventional sub-theme session format where presentations are restricted to a single discipline and are mostly academic, the International Young Water Professionals Conference (IYWPC) encourages multidisciplinary sharing sessions. These sessions focus on several “big topics” in the water sector and beyond include both academic and technical/vocational presentations. You can submit:

- An academic abstract - Abstracts from young water academics based on case studies and research.

- A technical/vocational abstract - Abstracts from young water practitioners (e.g., process controllers, operators or laboratory technicians), that are based on case studies or lessons learned from day-to-day operations.

Examples of the themes which will be included in the “big topics”:

- Agriculture
- Asset management
- Big data
- Climate change
- Entrepreneurship
- Environment
- Groundwater
- Industrial and Wastewater systems
- Intelligent infrastructure
- Lessons Learned
- Marine and Maritime
- Mine water management
- Performance assessment
- Resource recovery
- Risk management
- Science communication and impact
- Sludge management
- Urban networks
- Wastewater
- Wastewater systems
- Water and Wastewater utility energy management
- Water and Wastewater treatment
- Water and people
- Wetlands

Your work is crucial to positively impact these "big topics". Join the debate and showcase your work by submitting your abstract today.
Submitting your Abstract

ACADEMIC ABSTRACT

Your initial abstract* submission should needs to present a concise and well-formulated summary of your proposed presentation.

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION: If your submission is accepted for a full oral presentation, you are required to submit a full paper of between six and eight A4 pages before 15 August 2017. Your final full paper must be in plain English and clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings and significance of your investigation or study.

JOURNAL PUBLICATION: The final paper will be reviewed for publication in the following journals:
Water Science and Technology;
Water Science and Technology: Water Supply;
Water, Practice and Technology.

TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL ABSTRACT

As a practitioner you can submit case studies focusing on the importance of interventions of YWPs to solve (technical) issues and the results/lessons learned.

Examples can include case studies on operations and maintenance of water supply systems and/or sewer systems, water losses, asset management, water biology and chemistry, financial management, project management, environmental problems, and public-private partnerships.

Your abstract must be in plain English and clearly define the background and rationale of the intervention, the intervention itself, the results, and the lessons learned.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submit your abstract in a few easy steps through the IWA abstract submission system. The online system will be active from 17 January 2017.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LIMIT

You may submit as many abstracts as you wish. However, no individual will be allowed to present more than one paper and one poster. Additional papers must be presented by one of the co-authors.

PRESENTATION FORMAT: PRESENTATION OR POSTER

Choose between delivering a full oral presentation or a poster with a 2-Minute-Thesis (1 slide) presentation to introduce your work.

FINAL POSTER/PRESENTATION SELECTION

Your submitted abstract will be peer reviewed by international experts and experienced young water professionals. Programme selections are based on the scores and comments of these reviewers.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Detailed information on the submission process as well as helpful guidelines and templates are available on the conference website.

*Note: When we refer to an abstract we mean the outline paper of two A4 pages of text (approximately 1,000 words) plus up to two additional pages of tables/figures. The abstract template is available from www.iwaywpconference.org/submit_abstract.
Further Assistance & Important Dates

HOW CAN WE FURTHER ASSIST YOU IN DELIVERING YOUR BEST PRODUCT

The International Young Water Professionals Conference will provide the following assistance to enable you to deliver your best presentation on the day:

- A Webinar on abstract writing in February 2017
- Provide templates for abstracts, full papers and full oral presentations
- Provide templates for abstracts and 2-Minute-Thesis* presentations and posters
- A Webinar on presentation design in September 2017
- A Webinar on 2-Minute-Thesis presentation and poster design in September 2017

*2-MINUTE-THESIS

Your poster will have maximum exposure in the form of a 2-Minute-Thesis (1 slide) presentation to introduce your work in addition to the printed poster being exhibited in the First International IWA Young Water Professionals 2-Minute-Thesis Competition! First developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, the Three-Minute-Thesis competition (3MT®) challenges students to communicate the significance of their projects to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

- Review of full papers prior to submission to IWA journals
- Review of full oral presentation slides and posters prior to the conference with individual feedback
- Provide criteria for awards

Important Dates

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