



2019 Water Micro Conference

May 14 – 16 Conference
May 13 Pre-Conference Workshop
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

The Call for Verbal and Poster Abstracts is Now Open!

Deadline to Submit: January 15, 2019

Calling all microbiology and public health students, researchers and practitioners – Water Micro 2019 abstract submissions will be accepted through January 15, 2019. Submit your abstract for a verbal presentation or poster presentation and take the opportunity to be part of this innovative gathering May 14-16, 2019. Please note that there will be a special Pre-Conference Workshop on May 13. Stay tuned as speakers, side events, plenaries, and other programming is announced in the coming months. Abstracts that address the conference themes are encouraged (but not required).

Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract:

Abstracts will be peer reviewed and authors will receive notification by March 2019. Abstracts submitted after the deadline (January 15, 2019) will not be considered.

- All submissions must be in English, only.
- All abstracts must be [submitted via the online form](#).
- All abstracts are limited to 500 words.
- All abstract titles are limited to 9 words.
- All abstracts must include a topic and key learning objectives.
- Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.
- Multiple abstracts submitted on a single study will be rejected.
- All submissions must include one review category that most closely relates to your abstract.

Session Formats

- **Verbal Presentations** are assigned in 20 minute increments (15 minutes to present with 5 minutes for questions).
 - Verbal Presentations should present original arguments.
 - Abstracts that are simply project descriptions will not be accepted.
- **Poster presentations** are assigned and presented in a reception style format at the end of one of a specific conference day.

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Preferred Presentation Format

Please choose the formats in which you are willing to present/publish your abstract **at the time of submission**. This choice cannot be changed after the review committee has made its final decision (i.e., if you are not willing to present a verbal, please choose poster only).

- All abstracts submitted will be considered eligible for either one verbal or one poster presentation.
- Authors select one of three options:
 - 1) verbal only (will NOT be considered for poster)
 - 2) poster only (will NOT be considered for verbal regardless of score)
 - 3) poster or verbal (will be considered for either verbal OR poster based on score)
- Please note that declining to have your abstract considered for poster presentation does not improve the chance of being accepted for a verbal presentation. This option should be selected primarily by authors not willing/able to present a poster.

Review Criteria (for all submissions)

- All submissions will be ranked through peer review.
- All abstracts will be evaluated based on the degree to which it:
 - presents an original argument (not only a descriptive account of a project).
 - offers a clear rationale, intellectual-grounding, and outcome/payoff for the presentation (i.e., “so what”), including practical advice on best practices or tools that can be implemented by people in the community.
 - is clear and well written. Abstract should be free from spelling and grammatical errors. Where appropriate, background, methods, results, and conclusions should be clear. For all abstracts the topic and key learning objectives should be obvious.
- Acceptance will be based on content, available space, and overall program balance.

Responsibilities of the Presenting Author

- The first author listed for each abstract serves as the presenting author and as the primary contact for all correspondence regarding the abstract.
- The presenting author must be one of the co-authors listed on the submitted abstract.
- The presentation at the conference must reflect the submitted abstract. Specifically, the abstract title, authorship, and scientific content must match the submitted abstract.

Acceptance/Rejection Notification

- Notification regarding acceptance or rejection will be sent to the presenting author by email by March 2019; consequently, an accurate email address is critical.
- If your abstract is accepted, the email will specify whether it is accepted as a verbal or poster presentation.
- RSVP by the date specified is required. Abstracts are withdrawn if no RSVP is received by the specified date.

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