

Paper/Poster Submissions Sought for IFMA17



The International Farm Management Association (IFMA) seeks submissions for selected contributed papers and posters at the 17th International Farm Management Congress (IFMA17) to be held on the campus of Illinois State University in Bloomington/Normal, IL, July 19 - 24, 2009.

The overall theme of the Congress will be “*Agriculture: Food, Fiber and Energy for the Future.*” Authors are asked to address these themes in their papers/posters.

The sponsors of the Congress are using an on-line submissions management company and you can access the Congress’ submissions page at <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/IFMA17>. You will be directed on how to create a Conference Maker account for yourself and sign onto the Web site to get details for submitting a paper/poster for review and possible acceptance for the Congress.

Themes/Topics

The Organizing Committee of IFMA17 welcomes contributed papers and posters on any issue related to the following themes/topics:

1. The **Future Role** of Global Agriculture as a Food, Fiber and Energy Provider
2. **Farm Management** of Food, Fiber and Energy
3. **Marketing and Trade** of Food, Fiber and Energy
4. Food, Fiber, Energy and **The Environment**
5. **Education and Training**
6. **Finance and Lending/Borrowing**

(Topics listed above **in bold** are the key words to be used in selecting a theme category.)

Papers/Posters

Papers will be accepted in two separate categories: **Peer-Reviewed** and non-reviewed **Case Studies**. Papers must be submitted in their final form. Abstracts will be accepted for Posters only. (See **Format**, below.)

Oral presentations of accepted. Peer-Reviewed and Case Studies will be scheduled for the afternoons of Monday, July 20, and Wednesday, July 22. Posters will be on display both days.

All papers will be published and made available to delegates on a CD at the Congress. Following the Congress, these papers will be made available for worldwide access on www.ifmaonline.org in the Congress Proceedings

section.

At least one author of each paper **MUST REGISTER** to attend the Congress by the May 1, 2009 deadline for the paper/poster to be included in the Program and Proceedings; otherwise, the paper will not be featured in the Congress Proceedings and published book/CD.

Schedule

Please note the following schedule/deadlines for submission of Papers and Posters:

Papers (Peer-Reviewed and Case Studies):

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| • Full written paper submission | December 15, 2008 |
| • Notification of review decision | February 15, 2009 |
| • Early-bird rate registration deadline | May 1, 2009 |
| • Power-Point presentation submission for accepted papers | June 1, 2009 |

Posters

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| • Abstract (250 words) | December 15, 2008 |
| • Notification of review decision | February 15, 2009 |
| • Early-bird rate registration deadline | May 1, 2009 |

Paper Presentations

Paper sessions will run concurrently and each session will consist of four presentations on a theme. The schedule for oral presentations is 20 minutes in total: 15 minutes for presentation followed by 5 minutes for Q&A. Note: to facilitate other presenters and delegates wishing to attend other presentations, these sessions will be strictly chaired.

Language

The official language of the IFMA17 Congress is English. Papers must demonstrate a high standard of English in order to be accepted.

Submissions

All submissions should be by specified deadlines. Papers should follow the complete Guidelines as set out by the IFMA17 Academic committee. See Guideline for papers, below.

Material previously presented at other meetings will not be accepted, and proposals should explicitly state that the material has not been previously presented. Also, each presentation should be submitted **ONLY ONCE** to the Congress.

Review Process

Peer-reviewed papers will be processed through the normal peer review process by a panel of reviewers and, subject to acceptance, will be selected for presentation. Case Study (non-peer reviewed) papers will be selected on merit for presentation. Both types of contributed papers will be selected by the Academic Committee for presentation in themed sessions. Where a paper is not considered suitable for presentation, the author may be offered the opportunity to present it as a poster. Poster abstracts will be selected on their merit for display.

Selected Posters

Selected Posters will be on display throughout the meeting. Authors will be assigned a specific presentation time during which delegates can visit the posters. Poster authors should be available during this time for questions and discussion. The printed program will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation times. After the meeting, all of the presented poster abstracts will be posted online as part of the Congress Proceedings.

Inquiries

If you have additional questions, please contact the IFMA17 office at ± 01-262-253-6902 or at cmerry@countryside-marketing.com using English.

Guideline for Papers

1. Authors must submit an electronic version of their paper only, preferably as a Microsoft Word document, using the conference submission service at <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/IFMA17>. Follow the appropriate directions for creating a new Conference Maker account. Disks, CDs or hard copies should not be submitted, unless requested at a later date. (The Committee reserves the right to request another format of the paper if necessary). Authors MUST indicate if their paper is being submitted as a Peer-Review or a Case Study document.
2. Papers should not exceed 3,500 words.
3. Papers should be typewritten, single-sided, on 8 1/2 x 11-inch (Letter) size pages, and pages should be numbered throughout.
4. Page setup should be as follows:
 - Margins: wide left margin of 5/8-inch and right margin of 1/2-inch
 - Main text font: Times New Roman 12pt
 - Line spacing: 1.5
 - Heading font: Times New Roman 12pt bold
 - Tables and figure: Times New Roman 12pt
 - Text alignment: Main text — fully justified
Title, author and organization — centered
Heading, tables and figures — left justified.
5. Table and figures should be kept clear, simple and to a minimum. They should be placed in their correct position in the paper. Color should be avoided. Titles should be left-justified and in italics.
6. Photographs should be kept to a minimum, but where required, should be clean sharp images.
7. Acknowledgements where relevant should be noted (including information on grants received).

8. Each paper should be accompanied with the following in a separate document:
 - The word count of the paper.
 - An affirmation statement that all work is original research carried out by the specified authors and is not published or presented elsewhere.
 - A short biography of the lead author/presenter (50 words).
 - Neither the authors' name or contact information should be shown on the paper. However, a separate document should be included with the author(s) name and organization(s), clearly stating the corresponding author and their contact details (e-mail, phone, fax and postal address).
 - An abstract of approximately 150 words must be included at the start of the full paper
9. All units of measurement should be in the metric system.
10. When a paper is submitted it is considered to be in its final form.

Additional Requirements for Peer Reviewed Papers

References should be cited using the Harvard system. Each entry in the reference list should include:

- name and initials of author(s),
- year of publication, followed by either (in the case of articles/journals): title of periodical, volume number, issue number, first and last page references; or (in the case of books): Title of book, edition number, publisher, place of publication, first and last page references.

Guidelines for Poster Abstracts

Authors must submit an electronic version of their poster abstract only, preferably as Microsoft Word documents, using the conference submission service at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/> and follow the appropriate directions.

1. Poster abstracts must be submitted by December 15, 2008.
2. The official language for the poster abstract is English.
3. A poster abstract should explain the purpose and conclusions of the contribution. It should include a brief overview of the research, the methods and principal results.
4. Poster abstracts should not exceed 250 words.
5. A maximum of 6 keywords should be provided.
6. Poster abstracts should be formatted as follows on 8 1/2 in X 11 (Letter paper) in:
 - Main text font: Times New Roman 12 pt justified
 - Line spacing: 1.5
 - Heading font: Times New Roman 12pt bold justified
7. Abstracts should not contain photographs, figures, tables or references.
8. Members of the IFMA17 Academic Committee will review all poster abstracts, and authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by February 15, 2009.
9. When a poster is submitted it is considered to be in its final form.

Guidelines for Posters

1. The official language for posters is English.
2. One display panel will be provided for each accepted poster, with the following dimensions: 3 feet (91 cm) wide and 4 feet (122 cm) high, and posters must thus fit within this space. Adhesive Velcro will be provided to mount posters to the display panel. Posters should be readable from a distance of 3 ft (0.9 m). For adequate visibility, letters should be at least 3/8 in (1 cm) high after enlargement to full poster size. Photographs should be a minimum of 8 x 10 in (20 x 25 cm); the minimum size for all other illustrations is 9 in x 12 in (23 x 30 cm).
3. Poster sponsors should set up their poster on the morning of July 20th. Posters will be displayed and presenters will be given an opportunity for a dedicated Q&A session on the afternoons of July 20 and 22.

On-Site Presentations

Authors whose papers are accepted for presentation at IFMA17 **will be required** to submit their presentation in PowerPoint® format by June 1, 2009.