



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Irrigation Australia Conference aims to provide a platform for the irrigation industry and the broad range of other stakeholders to address the key future challenges and opportunities facing the irrigation industry. The conference is an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences in providing a sustainable future focus on the efficient use of water and adoption of new technology in Australia.

The organising committee for the Irrigation Australia Conference have selected a conference theme and topics that specifically identify with irrigation issues in Australia. The concurrent ICID 24th Congress will have a broader international perspective. The Committee now invite abstract submissions in line with the key topics below however abstracts outside of these topics will still be considered for presentation. Papers for the Australian conference may cover multiple topics but should have a clear Australian focus and meet the overall conference theme of Irrigation for the Future.

Conference Topics

The theme for the Australian Irrigation Conference is **“Irrigation for the Future – Challenges and Opportunities”**.

Conference Topics:

- The Murray Darling Basin – this stream encourages participation in discussions about communities investment packages, improving the implementation of the plan, environmental water, 450 GL efficiency projects, water trading and more.
- Energy and Resource Sustainability- this stream encompasses affordability of energy, resource allocation, renewables and removing barriers to integration.
- Smarter Irrigation for Profit Program – This stream identifies what outcomes have been achieved from this research program, and how will the adoption of new irrigation technologies benefit the industry.
- Business of Irrigation – this stream covers irrigation in regional development, natural resource allocation and sustainability issues; managing the challenges and opportunities while mitigating risks.
- Science, R&D, and Innovation – this stream provides exposure to new research from organisations such as CSIRO, BOM, universities, R&D companies and start-ups.
- Infrastructure and Investment – hear from the National Water Grid Authority and the *North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority* about their long-term national approach to water infrastructure planning.
- ICT in irrigation – this stream provides a forum to discuss, AI, IoT, big data, ownership of data, automation systems and platform.
- Rainwater Harvesting – learn about how harvested rainwater, the third largest source of water in Australia can reduce the cost of water infrastructure and ease the pressure on stormwater systems.

Presentation Format

Abstracts may be submitted for the following presentation types:

- Oral presentation
- Poster display

Please ensure that all abstracts are submitted via the online submission process by **Tuesday 15 February 2022**.

Final decisions on the type of presentation offered will rest with the Abstract Review Committee and their decision is final. The committee at their discretion may also recommend that suitable abstracts are forwarded to ICID for inclusion in the ICID Congress program rather than the Australian program if the topic is of international relevance.

Presentation Format / Poster Presentations

Dedicated posters sessions will be offered. Presenters are asked to prepare an A0 sized poster (841mm width by 1189mm height) for display in the poster area of the exhibition for the duration of the conference. Each poster author will be allotted with a poster presentation time to stand next to their poster and present to delegates.

Poster presenters are required to bring Velcro hooks or pins with them to adhere their poster/s to the poster boards.

Submitting an Abstract

All abstracts are to be submitted online via the conference website online submission process and must be submitted by 5.00 pm AEST **Tuesday 15 February 2022**.

Abstracts are to be submitted as Microsoft Word documents only using a specific format - a sample abstract template is available on the call for papers page of the website to assist you in this task. We recommend that you use this template and save your abstract before uploading.

- Abstracts should be written in English and should be no longer than 500 words
- All abstracts must be typed in Arial 11-point font
- Abstract title must be typed in sentence case only and bolded e.g. How to submit an abstract for the Irrigation Australia Conference & Exhibition
- The presenting authors name must be underlined, and all author affiliations included

Please Note:

- Submissions are to include a headshot and a 150-word biography of the presenter
- When submitting abstracts, authors can choose whether or not they would like to be peer reviewed. If accepted, authors will be required to submit a full paper for review.

Terms and Conditions

- Authors of accepted abstracts are required to register to attend the conference as a delegate prior to Friday, 8 July 2022
- Submission of abstracts implies the author's agreement to publish the abstract in all Conference publications including the web site. Successful abstracts must be presented by the author/s or a nominated co-author

- Acceptance of abstracts does not imply any payment from the Organising Committee. Authors must arrange and pay their own accommodation, travel etc. to attend the Conference
- Acceptance or otherwise is at the discretion of the Abstract Review Committee whose decision is final
- The Abstract Review Committee may, based on the abstract and the program, propose a poster presentation rather than an oral presentation
- All outlines must be original work. The speaker is responsible for the accuracy of the abstract.

Student Awards

For students who are interested to compete for the student oral and poster awards to be presented at the 24th ICID International Congress and the Irrigation Australia International Conference. **A competing student must clearly indicate their status as a full-time or part-time student (preference will be given to full-time students), at the time of the extended abstract submission to the Congress.**

To encourage students to present their research to other peers and professionals and recognise students' contributions to the 24th ICID International Congress, the Congress Organising Committee will coordinate student awards competitions and present:

- three student awards for best three students' extended abstracts along with their oral presentations at the Congress; and
- two student awards for the best student's extended abstract along with its poster presentation at the Congress.

Further details around the student awards criteria and selection process are available [here](#).

Key Dates

Important deadlines:

Abstract submission & student awards nominations close	15 February 2022
Notification of acceptance	Late March 2022
Early bird registration closes	1 July 2022
Speaker registration & full paper deadline	8 July 2022
Presentations due	9 September 2022

Questions

Should you have any questions please contact the ICID 2022 Event Managers Encanta Event Management.



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