

**We will announce how to submit your poster by the end of the year. It will probably be by Dropbox and you will prepare a poster as you usually do and save it as a ppt or jpg for submission.**

## General Guidelines for Virtual Poster Presentations

- **DO NOT USE MORE WORDS THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**  
The poster should read from left to right, and top to bottom.
- Use no more than a three-panel layout.
- Images should be high resolution for clarity.
- Minimum font size is 40pt (assuming preparation in PowerPoint on a poster size layout).
- Recommended fonts: Calibri, Arial, Times New Roman.

### TITLE

- Your title should capture the major aim/conclusion of your research.
- Title font should be 96pt.

### ABSTRACT

- The abstract must be as published in the program and placed at the upper left of the poster either beside or just below the title and author lines.

### INTRODUCTION

- Clearly and briefly state the problem or project in a few sentences.
- Make the introduction one or two brief paragraphs in length.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Explain briefly how you did the work; if complex add a reference at the end of the poster.

### RESULTS

- Summarize the data collected and the statistical analyses you used, as appropriate.
- Include only relevant data but give enough detail to adequately justify your conclusions.
- Use equations, figures, and tables with brief captions for clarity.
- Maps, diagrams, and other visual presentations are better than more words.

### TABLES AND FIGURES

- Graphs allow the reader to see trends more easily than tables. If data must be presented in table form, KEEP IT SIMPLE.
- Leave out any unnecessary details.
- Display your important points and make them brief.

- Number tables and figures in the order in which they appear in the text. Give each table or figure a title. (For example: Figure 1. Species composition).

## DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS

- The purpose of this section is to relate your results back to the original problem you have tested.
- You should explain the significance of your research findings in relation to the other research in this area.
- Base your conclusions on evidence presented in the results section.

## LITERATURE CITED (OPTIONAL)

You may choose to provide a BRIEF list of references cited in the text of the poster.

- Journal article: Author(s). Publication year. Article title. Journal title volume: pages.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

- In this section, you briefly acknowledge and thank the individuals, departments, programs, and funding resources, which contributed to the research. Be sure you add your contact information.

## GENERAL ADVICE

**KEEP THE TEXT BRIEF.** Blocks of text should not exceed 3 paragraphs. (Most viewers will not read more than that). Present only enough data to support your conclusions, but make sure that there is sufficient information to explain the process.

Recommended font sizes for the legibility of major sections:

- Title: 96 pt
- Authors: 60 pt
- Sub-headings: 54 pt (virtual); 36 pt (on-site)
- Body text: 40 pt (virtual); 24 pt (on-site)
- Photo captions, axes labels, graph titles, and data labels: 24 pt (virtual); 18 (on-site)

Leave some open space in the design. Your audience will appreciate this as it will make your presentation easier to read and understand.

Don't be afraid to point out uncertainties in your work, you may be able to receive valuable feedback and helpful insight from others.

- It takes time to make a great poster. Ask a colleague to help you edit.

**EDIT, EDIT, EDIT!**