

2012 WWAC Symposium Abstracts are due March 7, 2012

By Joe Provenzano, 2012 WWAC Symposium Program Chair

I am pleased to extend an open invitation for the submission of abstracts for presentations, papers and posters at this year's symposium. Abstracts are to be 250 words long and must be submitted electronically via email to the program committee.

Call for Abstracts – attached to this newsletter
or at www.isasymposium.com

This open invitation includes anyone who is involved with the automation, instrumentation, system integration, operation, maintenance, management and/or construction of facilities the water/wastewater sector.

There are three ways you can present your work:

- 35 minute PowerPoint presentation (no paper)
- 6-12 page paper and a 35 minute PowerPoint presentation
- Large format 3'x4' poster

This year's symposium also has two speaking tracks:

- Track 1 – Instrumentation, System Integration, Automation, Plant Case Studies, New Technologies
- Track 2 – SCADA, HMI, Human Factors, Alarm Management, Plant Optimization

In both speaking tracks, we welcome both technical and “case-study” submissions. Case studies can showcase new plants, plant upgrades, plant optimizations and/or the implementation of new technologies in the field. Lessons-learned presentations are also actively welcomed.

Looking for some ideas on what to present? Visit the symposium website at www.isawwsymposium.com for a list of over 200 topic ideas under the “Call for Abstracts” link.

We also have a full collection of author resources on our website to help you prepare your abstract submission:

- [Call for Abstracts](#)
- [List of some Presentation, Paper, and Poster Ideas](#)
- [General Paper, Presentation and Poster Guidelines](#)
- [How to write an Abstract](#)
- [Abstract Template \(MS Word\)](#)
- Sample Abstracts:
 - [sample1](#), [sample2](#), [sample3](#)
- [Technical Paper Formatting Guide](#)
- [A Technical Paper Template \(MS Word\)](#)
- Sample Technical Papers:
 - [sample1](#), [sample2](#), [sample3](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation Template \(MS PowerPoint\)](#)
- Sample PowerPoint Presentations:
 - [sample1](#), [sample2](#), [sample3](#)
- [Large Format Poster Guidelines](#)
- Sample Large Format Posters:
 - [sample1](#), [sample2](#), [sample3](#)

Why Presenting at a Conference is Fun (and why your boss will think it's a good idea)

By Graham Nasby, 2012 WWAC Symposium Chair

The first and foremost reason to present at a conference is for your own professional development. You get to meet new like-minded people such as yourself, you get a chance to “talk shop” with people who do what you do and understand the challenges of automation in the water/wastewater sector, and you get a chance to share your experience/knowledge with others.

Some other reasons that presenting at a conference is a worthwhile endeavour include:

- Meet and network with like-minded individuals
- Introduce yourself to the water/wastewater automation community as someone who has something to offer
- Establish professional credibility by demonstrating knowledge, skills and experience
- Opportunity to learn from others and “talk shop” with people who understand the challenges of your sector
- Establish contacts in the sector for future collaborations, business opportunities and/or knowledge sharing
- Opportunity to showcase your accomplishments (and those of your company/organization)
- Chance to personally stand out from the crowd
- Chance to practice your presentation skills in a non-threatening environment
- Be actively involved in your professional development
- Get the opportunity to share your knowledge/expertise
- Learn something
- Have fun

First-time Presenters are Welcome!

We actively encourage people who have never presented at a conference to submit abstracts. Presenting at a conference is a great way to practice your presentation skills, establish credibility in the community, and introduce yourself to others in the sector. It is also a great way to meet new people and establish contacts for future knowledge-sharing and collaborations. Don't be scared – you will get a lot out of it and have fun at the same time.

Thinking about presenting but not sure how to get started? Feel free to contact our Program Chair Joe Provenzano (provenzano2@comcast.net) or our General Symposium Chair Graham Nasby (graham.nasby@eramosa.com) if you have any questions.