

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2nd European Congress of Conservation Biology, 'Conservation biology and beyond: from science to practice', will be held from 1- 5 September 2009 in Prague, Czech Republic. The local organizing committee is now accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

The scientific program will include plenary sessions, invited symposia, workshops, organized discussions, short courses, poster sessions, and concurrent sessions of contributed oral presentations and speed presentations. The call for proposals for symposia, workshops, and organized discussions was issued previously; the deadline was 15th September 2008.

Due to the high level of attendance expected at the meeting and, consequently, limited time and space for oral presentations, poster presentations are strongly encouraged. Posters will be displayed prominently and for long periods of time during the meeting; special sessions dedicated to posters will allow in-depth discussion between authors and attendees.

Please adhere to the following guidelines when preparing your abstract for a speed presentation, oral presentation or poster:

- Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including 15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes for questions.
- The speed presentation session will last 1 hour and will include 8 speakers. To each speaker will be given 5 minutes to present their key ideas and results. At the end of the session there will be a space for an informally discussion and questions.
- The abstract should include new information. Abstracts should not be submitted for presentations that have been given at previous SCB meetings or similar conferences.
- The abstract should include specific information about the results and conclusions of the research. Abstracts that state "results will be discussed" will not be accepted.
- The abstract should have a clear connection to conservation biology.
- Abstracts that appear to be 'adverts for activity' rather than reports of research outputs will be confined to poster presentation
- Contributed oral presentations will be grouped by topic. Please choose from the list of general topics areas to assist us in selecting an appropriate session for your presentation.
- If your abstract is accepted but cannot be accommodated as an oral presentation, you will be notified as soon as possible so that you will have ample time to prepare a poster.
- Individuals are limited to submit only one abstract as first author.

Registration

Presenting authors (oral or poster) must register and pay the registration fee for the meeting prior to 30th June or their presentation will be dropped from the program.

Instructions for preparing abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted for oral presentations, speed presentations and poster presentations and for invited symposia. Abstracts for symposium presentations are by invitation only.

Please follow the instructions carefully, including all requested information. Any abstract with errors or omissions will be returned to the sender for correction and runs the risk of missing the abstract submission deadline. Beginning October 2008 abstracts should be submitted electronically via the 'Online Submission Website', www.eccb2009.org, Menu: Call for papers. Web submission is strongly encouraged.

If you cannot submit your abstract via the Web site, please e-mail your abstract to Vendula Ludvíková (Congress Secretariat) at conference@eccb2009.org. The abstract should be attached as a Microsoft Word, RTF text file, and the subject line of the e-mail should read "Abstract for ECCB 2009". In case of e-mail submission, please send attached a completed Abstract Submission Form. The form can be downloaded from the website (see above).

Regardless of the method of submission, all abstracts must be received by 31st January 2009. The local organizing committee will attempt to notify all authors by 1st April 2009. Abstracts must be submitted according to the following format.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- 1. Account options.** Insert your e-mail as a login name and password to your ECCB web-account.
- 2. Contact.** Provide the name of the contact person for correspondence. Include the contact person's complete mailing address, including the country and city codes.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

- 1. Title.** Titles are limited to 150 characters.
- 2. Type of presentation.** Indicate whether the abstract is intended for a Speed, Oral, Poster or an Invited Symposium presentation. Please indicate if you accept changing oral presentation to speed presentation or to poster.
- 3. Presenting authors & Authors.** Fill in the name of presenting author in case of speed or oral presentation. Please, write out full first names of authors.
- 4. Student presentation.** Indicate whether the presentation will be given by a student (regardless of whether the student is a candidate for a student award). Student presentation provided that the presenting author and the first author of the abstract are students.
- 5. Addresses.** List the institutional affiliations and addresses, including countries, for each author.
- 6. Topic areas.** If you are not presenting in an invited symposium, please choose from the list of general topic areas (select one) to assist us in selecting an appropriate session for your presentation. Indicate your first, second, and third choices.
- 7. Abstract.** The body of the abstract is limited to one paragraph of 200 words. Begin with a clear statement of the problem or objectives, give brief methods and major results, and end with a substantial conclusion. Do not use vague statements such as "results will be discussed." Follow the instructions given below to indicate any special formatting or symbols within the abstract. Abstracts that exceed 200 words will be returned to the author for revision.
- 8. Comments.** List any necessary comments pertaining to your abstract submission, including any special scheduling requests.

Topic Areas. The following general topic areas will be used to place your abstract in an appropriate session, please indicate your first, second and third choices.

- Alien and invasive species
- Artificial light and noise pollution
- Biodiversity and conservation in Non European Countries
- Biogeography
- Climate change and biodiversity
- Conservation at the science-policy interface
- Conservation capacity building
- Conservation genetics
- Conservation in a socio-economic context
- Conservation in agricultural landscapes
- Economics of biodiversity
- Ecosystem management: theory and practice
- Ecosystem services
- Education and outreach
- Ex-situ conservation
- Fire ecology and management
- Forest ecology and management
- Freshwater and wetland ecology
- Game ecology and sustainable hunting
- Grassland ecology and management
- Habitat fragmentation and metapopulation dynamics
- Impact of transport infrastructures
- Inventory and monitoring
- Landscape ecology and conservation
- Marine conservation
- Methods and analytical tools
- Natura 2000
- Population ecology and conservation
- Protected areas: planning, design and management
- Recovery of endangered species
- Risk assessment and uncertainty
- Scientists and managers: bridging the gap
- Spatial ecology and conservation
- Urban ecology and conservation
- Other _____