



Poster Presentation Guidelines

Maximum dimension for a poster is 1 meter by 1 meter (39.37 inches by 39.37 inches).

A poster presentation presents the ideal opportunity to meet and talk with colleagues who have a direct interest in your work. It offers a more intimate forum for information exchange than the traditional spoken presentation. Good posters are extended abstracts with easily readable graphics to assist in making your main points. A written paper presentation, page by page, should not be used. The poster should be effective in clearly expressing your work and its results without the need for extended explanation. Aim to convey your message **visually**, rather than verbally (as in a spoken presentation) or textually (as in a written paper).

With these goals in mind, please follow these guidelines:

TITLE: The title of your poster and the names of the authors should be large and clearly visible from 20 feet (6-7 m) away. Font should be >1 inch (2.54 cm) in height. Affiliations and contact details (including e-mail addresses) of the primary author should be included.

ABSTRACT: The full text of your abstract should be included. You are welcome to edit the abstract to remove errors or add a brief summary of results not available prior to the abstract deadline however, any significant changes are likely to confuse attendees.

TEXT: Any text (Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions) should be kept to a minimum. Keep in mind the main points of your poster should be contained in the figures and illustrations, and their captions. The text should be large enough to read from a reasonable distance, e.g. by someone reading over another attendee's shoulder.

GRAPHICS: Graphics, such as pictures, tables, figures, and illustrations, should make up the majority of the content of your poster. They should be clear and concise and convey their primary meaning with little effort for the viewer. However, they do not need to be simple.

All graphics should include a short heading or caption describing their content and meaning, and expressing the primary point of the graphic. A figure legend should be included below the main caption in smaller type, containing a more detailed description of the points of the graphic. The legend should include a description of the graphic as well as the conclusions derived from its content. This information is more readily available to the viewer than it is when only contained in the text portion of your poster.

LAYOUT AND DESIGN: The most effective way of producing posters is using design or presentation software such as Microsoft PowerPoint or Adobe Pagemaker. The entire poster can be laid out as a single file, including text, tables, figures, and photographs. Modifications to the design, font size, and overall proportions can be accomplished easily until the desired layout is achieved.

Poster authors are welcome to bring laptops or portable DVD players. Please note you will be responsible for the security of your equipment.