

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

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- 1 The abstract should be informative and complete. The body of the abstract should contain four main points:
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 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
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 - The author(s) - if more than one please mark presenter with an asterisk
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- 3 **ON-LINE SUBMISSIONS** are preferred.
- 4 The copy should be single-spaced and readable. The title should be in CAPS. The first name of all authors should be spelled out and include a middle initial.
- 5 The text of formal presentation abstracts should have a maximum length of one page.
- 6 The text of poster presentation and informal presentation abstracts should have a maximum length of 150 words (including abstract, title and author listing).
- 7 All text should be point size 12, in Times New Roman font, and justified.
- 8 Tables, graphs, and charts should be used only when necessary; they should be clear and simple and not exceed the width of a page. Each table, graph, and chart should be provided as a .tif or .jpg file, and must be titled and referred to in the abstract.
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- 10 Should you wish to present more than one abstract, please submit each abstract on a separate submission form.
- 11 Please keep in mind that not all abstracts will necessarily be accepted for

- presentation. Charts, graphs, tables, and photos may be edited due to space constraints.
- 12 Paper length: Formal paper presentation time will be 15 minutes in total followed by a 5 minute question and answer period. Please note the moderator will NOT allow you to continue past the 15-minute time limit. Informal presentation time is limited to 10 minutes.
 - 13 First-Time Presenters: The abstract form will contain a check box for first time presenters. This box must be checked to be eligible for a First Time Presenter award. If you are sharing the presentation, in order to qualify for a first time presenter, you must be giving at least 50% of the formal paper.
 - 14 Poster presentations: The dimensions for a poster are 1 meter by 1 meter (3.28 ft by 3.28 ft). The judges will consider only those posters that meet this standard.
 - 15 References should be listed alphabetically as **References** in the following form:

Journal article:

Brill, R. L., Sevenich, M. L., Sullivan, T. J., Sustman, J. D., & Witt, R. E. (1988). Behavioral evidence for hearing through the lower jaw by an echolocating dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*). *Marine Mammal Science*, 4, 223-230.

Book:

Ellis, R. (1982). *Dolphins and porpoises*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf Publishing.

Book Chapter:

Keyes, M. C. (1968). The nutrition of pinnipeds. In R. J. Harrison, R. C. Hubbard, R. S. Peterson, C. E. Rice, & R. J. Schusterman (Eds.), *The behavior and physiology of pinnipeds* (pp. 359-395). New York: Appleton-Centure-Crofts.

Conference Proceeding:

Scarpuzzi, M. R., Lacinak, C. T., Turner, T. N., Tompkins, C. D., & Force, D. L. (1991). Decreasing the frequency of behavior through extinction: an application for the training of marine mammals. *Proceedings of the International Marine Animal Trainers Association*, 19, 113-120.

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