



2016 AWRA MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

solving tomorrow's water resource challenges today

September 15-16, 2016

Call for Abstracts

Solving Tomorrow's Water Resource Challenges Today Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Water Resources Association

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Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington, DE

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Presented by the Delaware Section-AWRA

In conjunction with the New Jersey State, National Capitol Region, Pennsylvania State and Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Sections

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are sought for oral presentations and posters relevant to the conference theme: "Solving Tomorrow's Water Resource Challenges Today". Abstracts will be selected for presentation based on their technical and policy merit, currency and relevance to conference topics (see below). The conference committee may invite an abstract submitted for an oral presentation to exhibit a poster if all presentation slots are filled. Presentation length will be strictly held to 25 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for questions and answers. **All conference presenters are required to register for the conference.**

The conference committee's goal is a program that will include a wide-range of water resources topics to interest practitioners and researchers from a variety of disciplines. The area covered by the five AWRA Sections includes a wide variety of ecosystems ranging from rivers, streams and lakes to estuaries and oceans. Our goal is to provide an interesting and informative program that will provide attendees with lessons and tools to apply in their watersheds.

The conference committee invites attendees to present their research, planning, and implementation projects in this unique, multidisciplinary setting. Presentations that demonstrate solutions that have been utilized in the Mid-Atlantic or that are transferable to the Mid-Atlantic are particularly encouraged.

The committee invites the submission of abstracts that address one of the following topics or other relevant water resource topics:

- Innovative solutions, partnerships and funding mechanisms to address water resources challenges
- Modernizing and protecting infrastructure
- Security and sustainability of water supplies
- Planning for resilient water resource systems in a changing climate
- Stormwater management and green infrastructure in urbanized areas

- Integrating GIS platforms into water resource management programs
- Measuring effectiveness and performance of water resource projects
- Public outreach and education for water resources programs
- *Special Sessions*: Participants may propose special sessions consisting of 2-5 panelists on a particular topic or region. Each special session will last 90 minutes (including questions). Special sessions provide the opportunity for a group of speakers to focus on one particular topic or region. The submitted abstract should describe the special session theme/topic and the individual presentations.

Presenters are encouraged to include a “before, during and after” component to their presentations demonstrating solutions to the water resources challenges that they have encountered.

Review: Abstracts will be reviewed by the Technical Program Committee for originality, technical merit, currency and relevance to the conference topics. Authors’ suggestions regarding format placement (oral presentation, special session, or poster) will be considered, but the Committee will make the final decision. Abstracts received after the deadline may not be accepted.

Notification of Acceptance/Placement: Notification will be made via email to the corresponding author.

Abstract Format:

- MS Word or compatible format.
- Name, title, affiliation, email address and phone number for the main contact/presenting author, followed by name, affiliation and email address of co-authors. Please include a short biography for the presenting author.
- Body of abstract - no more than 500 words. No graphics.
- Indicate format preference: Oral Presentation, Special Session or Poster.

Schedule

- Abstract submittal deadline: May 2, 2016
- Notification of acceptance: June 1, 2016
- Revised abstract (if required) submittal deadline: July 1, 2016

Submission Procedure: E-mail abstracts or questions to mac2016abstracts@gmail.com.

Cancellation Policy: Late cancellations and failures to give scheduled presentations leave gaps in the program that are distracting to all attendees. Before submitting an abstract, authors should be confident that they will attend the conference and make the presentation. If the presenter finds he/she cannot attend, appropriate substitute presenters will be accepted.

Conference Highlights:

- Two days of keynote speakers and concurrent sessions.
- Poster sessions will provide an alternative venue for attendees to present their work. This is also a great option for students.
- The AWRA exhibit hall will provide the opportunity for attendees and exhibitors to connect and build partnerships. For more information, visit www.mac2016.wildapricot.org.
- Don’t miss the Photo Scavenger Hunt and the Thursday Evening Banquet. No Mid-Atlantic AWRA Conference would be complete without the annual banquet. It is always a wonderful time to meet new people and re-connect with old friends from throughout the region.