

Call for papers

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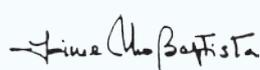
The IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition is the high-profile international event organised by the International Water Association (IWA). 2014's congress will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, 21–26 September.

You are invited to contribute to this event by sharing your knowledge—leading water professionals from all around the globe will touch on every aspect of the world's water issues. This is your chance to make an impact on pressing challenges such as urbanisation, climate change, the rapid development of technology and better access to information.

You'll join 5,000+ people at the congress and exhibition for intense debates, informative workshops and high-quality congress sessions. There will be delegates from universities, research institutions, companies, governments and councils, NGOs, and experts from fields such as agriculture, urban planning and energy.

By presenting among experts, especially if you are newer to the field, you will meet others active in your discipline and fix your work in a broader context. It is an invaluable chance to explore ideas together, debate new concepts and discuss practical applications. Presenting also marks you as a respected professional with unique ideas to share.

You may submit as many outline papers as you would like, and we offer three formats—platform presentations, poster presentations, and workshop/panel discussions. There will also be working group discussions, business forums and other meetings to attend and contribute to.



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Congress President



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IWA Executive Director

Lisbon—relaxed and cultured

Lisbon, which sits upon the northern bank of the river Tejo as it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, is Europe's second-oldest capital. Visit the beautiful sandy beaches around its natural harbour or appreciate amazing views from the hills of the city. Explore the city on vintage trams, and take in long, laid-back dinners and coffee breaks. It's the closest European capital to the US, and Western Europe's least expensive capital to visit. Walkers and photographers will especially love its architecture and medieval culture, including palaces and aqueducts. Tourist attractions also include surfing, dolphin-watching and natural parks.

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Present your work to the world

We are looking for contributions under the session themes below to present global best practice, advances in fundamental science, innovative research, policy developments and solutions to challenges faced by water professionals worldwide. We especially encourage presentations which focus on the dynamic interactions between water and urbanisation; water, food and energy; and water and climate change. Presenting is a valuable opportunity to meet members of the community of world-leading water professionals.



Cities and basins of the future

Integrated water management for water-sensitive cities; optimising the water–energy–food nexus; managing river basins for environmental benefits.



Protecting human and environmental health

Detecting and tackling microbiological and chemical hazards; micropollutants and emerging contaminants; water and toxicology; public health and sanitation; risk assessment and epidemiology.



Breakthrough science and technology for the water cycle

New developments in fundamental research; disruptive technologies that offer radical improvements in the treatment of water and wastewater; improved environmental management.



Water policy, governance and regulation in a changing world

Policies and strategies promoting innovation in water management; new governance and regulatory arrangements; planning for climate variation, floods and drought; water management responses to demographic change and economic development.



Water reuse and resource recovery

Recovering water, nutrients, energy and materials; new sources for potable and non-potable water; biosolids treatment and beneficial reuse.



Innovative water supply and wastewater technologies and processes

Latest developments in technologies and processes used in urban water and wastewater; biological and physico-chemical treatments, membranes, nature-based (waste)water systems and solutions.



Utility management, assets and customers

Optimising utility performance; public and private operator responses to the financial crisis; human resources management; stakeholder engagement; customer care and services.



Information and communication technology for water

ICT transforming water management; smart networks, decision-support systems; remote sensing; using big data in water management; mobile technologies for professionals and public engagement; social media for water innovations.



New industrial water management, technologies and processes

Innovative water treatment and wastewater management in key industrial sectors: oil and gas, mining, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, aquaculture, food and beverage, pulp and paper, and textiles.

Presentation formats

Platform presentation

You will have 15 minutes to describe your work to an audience with genuine knowledge and interest in your field, followed by informed discussion—so you need a good level of spoken English. These presentations are especially welcomed for current issues or developments, regulatory issues and new water or wastewater technologies.

Poster presentation

Your poster will be displayed for four days on a wall area of approximately 80 cm x 120 cm. You'll also be in the running for the 'best poster award', which will be announced at the congress closing ceremony. Platform and poster presentations are of equal status—but your poster must do the 'talking' in this format. Your text and images must communicate key messages clearly.

Workshops and panel discussion

We welcome your ideas and proposals for workshops or panel discussions. Make sure you explain how a discussion would best present the topic, and the potential for beneficial results. Email Paul Nagle for more guidance on this, at programme2014lisbon@iwahq.org.

How are papers selected? Improving your paper

Your outline submission and the final full paper (if you're accepted as a presenter) must be in plain English and clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings and significance of the investigation or study.

Your submitted outline paper will be peer-reviewed by international experts. Programme selections are based on the scores and comments of those reviewers. We expect 1200–1500 submissions, and presenter decisions will be announced in March 2014.

What to submit

Your initial submission must be in the form of an outline paper: two A4 pages of text (approximately 1,000 words) plus up to two additional pages of tables/figures. This must persuasively summarise your proposed presentation. This must be uploaded to our online submission system before 30 September 2013.

Detailed guidance and templates will be at www.iwa2014lisbon.org/conference/presenter-information/. If you prefer to present this work as a poster, please note this when you submit your proposal.

If your submission is accepted for a platform presentation, you will also have to submit a properly formatted full paper of between six and eight A4 pages (the maximum permissible length is 5000 words; each normal-sized figure or table counts as 350 words and must be incorporated within the 5000 word/eight-page limit) for inclusion in the congress preprints and which can be reviewed for publication.

You may submit as many outline papers as you want. However, no individual can present more than two platform papers—any further papers must be presented by one of the co-authors.

Three fundamental questions determine whether a paper will be accepted onto the congress programme: Is the work novel? Is it correct and well presented? Is it interesting?

To improve your chance of success, consider the following criteria.

Audience

Does the subject matter fit the congress and session themes? How relevant is it for experts and non-experts?

Originality

Is the work interesting and likely to prompt discussion at the congress? Your paper should describe breakthrough technology, new concepts, novel applications of established concepts, or improvements to existing theories (with new supporting data).

Status of project

Is the work and its conclusions valid and correct? Your paper needs to establish that the work is well developed. If you can show concrete results that are well supported by data, your paper is more likely to be accepted.

Technical content

Make sure that you state the objectives and scope of the project, as well as the conditions under which the data was obtained, and the general procedures or methodology you used.

Benefits and significance

What are the benefits of the project? What is its significance for your local area, country or other countries in your region? How important is it to other researchers and professionals working in your field?

Quality of presentation

Is your paper clearly set out and understandable? The programme committee and the expert reviewers believe that the quality of the outline paper is an indication of the quality of your final presentation. Prepare your outline with care, organise your material well, write clearly in plain English, prepare your graphics professionally, and make sure your information is accurate and up to date.

Commercial

Papers that are commercial in nature will be not be accepted for the scientific-technical programme as platform presentations or posters. However, this type of material is welcomed at the trade exhibition or perhaps in a business forum.

Will papers be published?

Congress delegates will receive a full set of electronic preprints with the final programme, but a formal proceedings book will not be published. However, full papers accepted for the congress will also be reviewed for publication in one of the IWA Publishing journals, including: *Water Science and Technology*, *Water Science and Technology: Water Supply* or *Water, Practice and Technology*. The final decision on publication, which may be subject to further revision of the paper, will be taken by the editors of the journal. If you do not wish your paper to be considered for publication in a journal, please make this clear when submitting your full paper.

What do I need to pay?

Every presenter (platform, poster, workshop and panel) is required to register as a paying delegate and attend the congress. If you're presenting, you are eligible for discounted registration fees. Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. Presenters who do not register will be replaced.

You do not need to be a member of IWA to present, but members receive larger discounts on registration fees and receive other membership benefits. Join by emailing members@iwahq.org, and [see the benefits online](#).

Key dates

10 June 2013

Online submission opens for outline papers (for platform and poster presentations)

30 September 2013

Final deadline for submission of outline papers (for platform and poster presentations)

31 March 2014

Presenters notified of acceptance/rejection

30 June 2014

Deadline for accepted presenters to supply full papers for conference preprint, and register and pay to attend the congress

Any questions?

Further details will be on the congress website, www.iwa2014lisbon.org or email programme2014lisbon@iwahq.org

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