



## Information for Authors Intending to Present a Paper or Poster at the 17th ICS

### Sessions and Special Symposia

All proposed presentations should be related to speleology, but can be on any scientific, technical, cultural or educational aspect. The 17th ICS will offer general sessions and special sessions, listed below. Many of them will include invited presentations and all welcome volunteer submissions. If sufficient suitable papers are offered in specific areas, extra sessions will be organized. The specific session topics will be determined by the papers submitted. If you are interested in participating in any of the sessions, please, see the instructions on page 25 of Circular 2 as posted on the Circulars page of the ICS website at:

<https://www.speleo2017.com/Circulars.html>

The sessions currently envisaged are:

- Archaeology and Paleontology in Caves
- Australasian Caves and Karst
- Australian Megafauna and Caves
- Biospeleology, Evolution, Ecology and Problems
- Cave and Karst Management and Education
- Cave Climate and Palaeoclimate Records
- Cave Mineralogy
- Exploration and Cave Techniques
- Extraterrestrial Caves
- Geomicrobiology of Cave and Karst Environments
- History of Speleology and Karst Research
- Karst and Caves in Carbonate Rocks, Salt and Gypsum
- Karst and Cave Survey, Mapping and Data Processing
- Karst, Pseudokarst and Caves in Other Rocks
- Lava and Volcanic Caves
- Medicine, Philosophy, Social Aspects
- Modelling in Karst and Cave Environments
- Speleological Research and Activities in Artificial Underground Environs
- Speleogenesis
- Speleothen Research
- Sustainable Development of Karst
- Other Topics

Extra sessions will be organised if there are suitable papers.

### Submission Deadlines

Abstracts need to be submitted online by **19th December 2016**.

The authors will be notified of the acceptance (or not) of abstracts by **20 December 2016**.

The deadline for the submission of final papers and Congress Registration is **1st February 2017**.

Revisions and final submission is due by **April 7th 2017**.

## **Posters**

Penrith Panthers has a large, well-appointed secure marquee where posters, and stall and booths for vendors and exhibitors, will be conveniently located. Presentations are welcomed as posters.

Each poster should contain a concise title, as well as the name, institutional affiliation and address of the author(s). It should include information about the materials and methods used, the results obtained (even if preliminary), and the conclusions reached. The poster may contain photos, figures, tables and maps. Authors must be present to discuss their work with the other participants. Each poster should not exceed 1 m (width) x 2 m (height).

Completed Posters are expected to be available for display at the conference. Only the abstract is required earlier. Submit the abstract in the same way as for a paper submission as described below. The deadline for poster abstracts is the same as paper abstracts.

## **Submission of Symposia Papers**

All papers must be in English. A second abstract in one of the other official languages of the UIS (French, German, Italian or Spanish) may also be submitted with the full paper.

When submitting your papers, identify a session (conference track) for each paper and indicate a preference for an paper (and oral presentation) or a poster presentation only.

Papers will be accepted and published only if the author (or at least one of the authors for joint work) has paid the Full Participant registration fees. Papers, and revised papers submitted after the deadline or not in the required format will not be accepted.

All abstracts and papers are to be submitted via the conference registration website which can be accessed at: <https://www.speleo2017.com/Register.html> or <https://conference.speleo2017.com>

You will need to first create your "Account Profile" and select the "Author" check box at the bottom before you can submit your abstract on-line in the conference registration website.

## **Format of Abstract and Papers**

The abstract is submitted first and is pasted directly into the conference registration system. The abstract is limited to 400 words.

The abstract must not include identifying author information. That information will have been entered earlier in the abstract submission process. This is to ensure that reviewers only see the title and abstract and not the author information.

Your abstract will be reviewed and if accepted you will be able to upload a file of your full paper.

The submitted paper should be single-spaced in Arial 11-point font, aligned on both margins, with each side margin 2 cm wide (A4 paper setting). No indentations should be used for paragraphs, and a blank line should divide paragraphs.

Files must be readable in Microsoft Word. Suitable Word processor formats include Microsoft Word, Libre Office and Open Office.

Papers should total six (6) or fewer unnumbered pages. The following sequence should be observed: Abstract, text, acknowledgments, and bibliographic references. Maps, drawings, tables, figures, and illustrative photos must be included in the body of the paper. This paper can be in the form of an extended abstract. Again no author identifying information should be in the uploaded paper.

Each oral communication will be allotted a total of 20 minutes, including questions and answers.

### **Submission and Acceptance Process**

Congress registration for at least one author must accompany or precede submission of the final paper.

The Science Committee reserves the right to judge the papers received, or have them judged by others; it can accept them as is, refuse them, or suggest modifications to the authors.

Upon submission of a full paper (or extended abstract), the presenter should specify the equipment necessary for the presentation; the Congress staff will attempt to meet the request.

Abstracts, papers, and revised papers submitted after the deadline or not in the required format will not be accepted.

All papers will be peer reviewed.

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### **Final Notes**

The latest version of this document can be found on the website at: <https://www.speleo2017.com>