



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Society for Chemical Hazard Communication  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Poster Session  
Spring 2018 in Orlando, Florida

## What is the technical poster session and an abstract?

The technical poster session is an informal forum for the exchange of ideas. Ideas are presented as posters in a reception atmosphere where authors and attendees can mingle and exchange opinions. An abstract is a short summary (approximately 200 words) of the ideas being presented in a poster. Once accepted, abstracts are posted on the SCHC website and the SCHC Spring Conference app.

## Who may present a poster?

Any SCHC member may submit an abstract and do a poster. The abstract should clearly communicate how the topic is related to chemical hazard communication, and the poster can be done individually or jointly with co-authors. Abstracts from non-members will be accepted, but they must be sponsored by an SCHC member.

## What topics are appropriate for the SCHC Technical Poster Session?

Any topic related to chemical hazard communication, in its broadest sense, may be presented at the poster session. It could be a problem that you resolved, a project from your work, or a proposed improvement. A poster can focus on labels, SDS, signage, training, regulations, or policies. It can be informative, teach, or entertain. It can focus on a new topic that people need to know about. It can relate to a presentation that will be on an agenda, was on an agenda, or will never make an agenda because it's not big enough. It can be an update of an earlier poster. It can focus on an issue discussed in one of the Professional Development courses, or it could focus on one of the countries discussed in a course. It can even be about SCHC or one of its parts.

Posters intended to market a specific product or service are NOT considered appropriate for the Spring poster session but are appropriate for the Fall Vendor Exhibit.

## How to participate?

1. Formulate an idea for a poster.
2. Summarize the idea in an abstract of approximately 200 words, which includes a title (no more than 20 words if possible), author's name(s), and contact information (eg. affiliation, address, and e-mail address).
3. Email the abstract to Jing Sun for review (word document attachment preferred) by the submission deadline (March 9, 2018). The abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee for applicability, appropriateness, and quality. Typically, the authors will be notified if the abstract has been accepted or not within 10 days after the submission deadline.
4. Once the abstract is accepted, prepare a poster for presentation at the Spring Conference (Tuesday, April 24th, 6-8 p.m.). SCHC will supply the poster board, easel, push pins, etc. The presenter must register for the conference to present the poster.
5. After the conference, send the electronic version of the poster to Jing Sun if you would like to share it on the SCHC website and the Spring conference app.

## Why should you present a poster at the Technical Poster Session?

It is an excellent opportunity to present ideas to and receive feedback from other HazCom professionals. A number of plenary session presentations have originated as posters. There will be a prize for the best poster. Also, it's a great way to show SCHC you're interested and involved in the organization.

For more detailed information, please see the **guidance document**.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Jing Sun using the information below.

Abstracts or questions about abstracts or the Technical Poster Session should be sent to:

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