



51<sup>ST</sup> Annual Conference

OCT. 12-15

19<sup>TH</sup> Annual Research Symposium

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## Conference Session Formats and Delivery Options

### Delivery Options

#### In-Person Sessions:

- Scheduled and presented once during the three-day conference (October 13-15) in Tucson
- Must have at least one registered in-person presenter but may include prerecorded segments to help accommodate international presenters in different time zones and those unable to attend in person
- Will not be recorded for on-demand viewing and are available only to those joining us in Tucson

#### Virtual Sessions (Prerecorded and Live):

- Most must be prerecorded and submitted as mp4 files **by September 16** to allow time for processing
- No scheduled presentation time; available throughout and after the conference for asynchronous, on-demand viewing (no scheduled presentation time)
- Available to both virtual and in-person attendees
- Presenters do not need to be in attendance but must be registered for the virtual conference
- **Virtual Live:** A limited number of virtual sessions will be presented live (via Zoom) at scheduled times during the regular conference hours. This is an invitation-only option. Virtual live sessions will be recorded for on-demand viewing after the conference.

Session Format	Available Delivery Options	
	In-Person and Virtual Live Sessions <i>Scheduled for delivery in Tucson or via Zoom</i>	Virtual Sessions <i>Prerecorded and submitted by September 16 as mp4 files</i>
Bright Spot	(not available)	✓
Hands-On Presentation	✓ (90 minutes)	✓ (60 minutes)
Poster Presentation	✓	(not available)
Roundtable Discussions	✓ (40 minutes)	(not available)
Symposium	✓ (90 minutes)	✓ (60 minutes)
Traditional Presentation	✓ (40 minutes)	✓ (30 minutes)
Workshop	✓ (3½ hours)	(not available)

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**Bright Spots: (Virtual, 10 minutes)** Bright spots are **succinct talks** that celebrate specific triumphs and showcase things that work. These prerecorded sessions highlight successful and innovative programs, community partnerships, conservation achievements, expanded audiences, research and evaluation findings, civic engagement, and more. Bright spots may include narrated PowerPoint presentations or still images (such as posters) accompanied by a recorded introduction. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. All bright spots are prerecorded on-demand sessions.

**Hands-On Presentations: (In-person and virtual live, 90 minutes or virtual prerecorded, 60 minutes)** Hands-on presentations are **designed to actively engage participants** in teaching activities, interactive discussions, and project development. A/V equipment is provided for in-person sessions. Virtual hands-on sessions may demonstrate activities or may be structured creatively to engage on-demand viewers.

**Poster Presentations: (In-person)** Posters are **two-dimensional printed presentations** of any size up to 36 x 48 inches. Posters summarize programs, resources, research studies, or other work through text, images, and data. They are most often created using Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft PowerPoint, Canva, and similar applications. Posters are fixed to portable bulletin boards for in-person attendees to review at leisure throughout the conference. There will be a one-hour general poster session during the Thursday luncheon (1:00 PM–2:00 PM) when which all presenters stand near and share their posters with conference participants. No A/V equipment or electricity is provided, but presenters may use their own laptops or tablets. Posters are set up on Wednesday between 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM for display during the opening reception until noon on Saturday. (They can also be set up early on Thursday morning.)

**Roundtable Discussions: (In-person, 40 minutes)** Roundtable discussions **emphasize spirited discussion** about a central question between the presenter(s) and session attendees. Presenters briefly introduce the baseline idea or question they wish to explore and then open the discussion for input and exchange of ideas. Examples and interactive materials are welcome, but this format does not lend itself to formal presentations, and PowerPoints are strongly discouraged except to introduce the topic. Roundtable discussions are scheduled throughout the conference, with about six simultaneous discussions in the same large room. No A/V equipment or electricity is provided, but presenters may use their own laptops or tablets in a manner that does not disturb other discussion groups.

**Symposia: (In-person, 90 minutes or virtual, 60 minutes)** Symposia are **panel discussions** presenting different perspectives on a topic or question related to one of the focus points for each strand. Proposals must include a moderator and a minimum of three panelists representing different organizations, ideas, or experiences. To enhance the richness of discussion, criteria for selecting symposia include the diversity of presenters and viewpoints. Symposia may be offered as in-person or prerecorded virtual sessions; note that the session length varies with the delivery option. A/V equipment is provided for in-person sessions.

**Traditional Presentations: (In-person, 40 minutes or virtual, 30 minutes)** Traditional presentations focus on a single topic or program, typically including a **talk or PowerPoint (or other media) presentation** followed by questions and answers or a short discussion. Traditional presentations may be offered as in-person or prerecorded virtual sessions; note that the session length varies with the delivery option. A/V equipment is provided for in-person sessions.

**Workshops: (In-person or virtual, 3½ hours)** Pre-conference workshops are **in-depth sessions** that actively develop specific professional competencies and have widespread potential for implementation. Workshops are held before the start of the conference and may be offered as in-person (October 12) or virtual sessions (October 10–11). Virtual workshops will be held live via Zoom and do not need to be prerecorded and submitted in advance. They will not be recorded for on-demand viewing. Note that workshop proposals are highly competitive and we have space to select only a small number for the conference program.