



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Society for Chemical Hazard Communication
17th Annual Technical Poster Session
Spring 2015 in San Francisco, California

What is the technical poster session?

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 ideas. Before posters can be presented, an abstract or short summary (approximately 250 words) of the idea being presented in the poster must be submitted. Abstracts are published and distributed at the meeting. In addition, an electronic version of the poster, or its abstract) will be posted on the SCHC website

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, or a project done where you work, or even a proposed improvement. Each abstract should clearly communicate how the topic is related to chemical hazard communication. Posters do not have to be graphic or visual masterpieces. The focus is on content, not appearance. It does help if they can be displayed on an easel, although sometimes we have cork boards.

A poster can focus on labels or SDS's or signage or training or regulations or even policies. It can be informative, teach, or entertain. It can describe the solution to a problem that was just solved. It can be on a new topic that people need to know about. It can relate to a presentation that will be on the agenda, or was on an agenda, or will never make an agenda because it's just not big enough. It can be an update of an earlier poster (see SCHC website for earlier posters). 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 poster session. The Abstract Review Committee reviews submitted abstracts for quality, applicability, and appropriateness.

Who may submit an abstract?

Any SCHC member may submit an abstract for a poster at the Technical Poster Session. Posters can be done individually or jointly with others. Posters from non-members will be accepted, but an SCHC member must sponsor them.

How to participate?

1. Formulate an idea for a poster.
2. Summarize the idea in a one or two paragraph abstract
3. Email the abstract to Raleigh Schmidt for review (no later than February 27, 2015).
4. Once the abstract is accepted, prepare a poster for presentation at the spring meeting (Tuesday evening, March 17th, 2015). Also, please provide a pdf of your poster for the SCHC website.

Why should you take the time to 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's a prize for the best one and it's also a great way to show SCHC you're interested and involved in the organization.

If you have questions, or need additional information, contact Raleigh Schmidt using the information below.

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

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