



# Society for Chemical Hazard Communication

## General Information and Guidance for the Technical Poster Session

### 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.

### 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. It can even be about SCHC or one of its parts.

Some previous posters include

- 1) The Anatomy of a HazCom Document Audit;
- 2) EPCRA 313: Strategic Compliance in a Shifting Regulatory Landscape;
- 3) Global Review of Article Definitions;
- 4) Multi-Modal Classification of Marine Pollutants;
- 5) Characterizing Occupational Exposures in a Hair Salon;
- 6) Endocrine Disruptors in the GHS: History, Current Status, and Future Outlook;
- 7) Navigating Post-Transition Poison Centre Requirements: EU and Global Perspectives

Posters intended to market a specific product or service are NOT considered appropriate for the Poster Session but are appropriate for the Vendor Exhibit.



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## 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 (e.g., affiliation, address, and e-mail address).
3. Email the abstract to the [Poster Chair](#) for review (word document attachment preferred) by the submission deadline. 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 SCHC Conference. SCHC will supply the poster board, easel, push pins, etc. The presenter must register for the conference to present the poster.
5. Send the electronic version of the poster to the [Poster Chair](#) if you would like to share it on the SCHC website.

## What is the poster board size? Does the poster need to be professionally designed?

We get poster boards from a local source, so the poster board size can vary each year. The size of the poster board will be provided to all presenters in advance of the meeting.

People are sometimes reluctant to do a poster because they don't possess the graphic design or artistic skills to do a glitzy, professional poster. Don't let that be a concern. While it's nice if a poster looks professionally done, it's not a requirement. We've had plenty of posters made on the computer, or were collections of papers or photos, etc. The focus is on the content, not the appearance.

## Where can the previous poster abstracts and posters be found?

Previous poster abstracts and electronic versions of the posters can be found on the SCHC website. Look for the link to past Annual Meeting pages on the main page of the SCHC website. From there, open the Poster Session webpage to see the list of poster abstracts and electronic versions of posters from that year.

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

It is an excellent opportunity to mingle with, 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 get involved in the organization.

## For our winners

During each Technical Poster Session, attendees may vote on the best poster. The overall winner and runner-up will be announced the following day, during the closing session of the conference, and presented with a certificate denoting their achievement. In the event of a tie for the overall winner, no runner-up will be awarded. If there is a tie for the runner-up, both will be recognized.

**Poster presenters are responsible for bringing/printing out their own posters and removing/collecting their posters at the conclusion of the poster session.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Poster Chair at [poster@schc.org](mailto:poster@schc.org).