



**AFRICAN
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Call for abstracts

Submission **deadline extended** to **22 September 2006**

SAASTA invites abstracts in the following formats:

- PAPERS
Papers that warrant both presentation and discussion will be accepted.
- POSTERS
Poster presentations offer an opportunity for students at any African tertiary institution to showcase their work in the field of science communication and stimulate discussion around the featured topic.

Please send abstract submissions to
Andrea Bandelli
Email: andrea@bandelli.com

All paper and poster presenters must register for the conference.

Note: If a delegate can only get permission or sponsorship to attend the Conference if the delegate presents at the conference (delivers a paper or presents a poster), then registration and payment for the conference may be done only after receipt of confirmation of acceptance of his/her abstract.

Selection process

The Scientific Committee will review all abstracts for this conference and make selections based on content, objectives, relevance to science communication in Africa, and the evaluation criteria.

All persons who submit abstracts will receive notification of the committee's decision at end August 2006. Deadline for submissions is 22 September 2006.

Evaluation criteria

Submission of a paper or poster is more likely to be accepted if it is original, innovative, and contributes to the practice of science communication in Africa.

Quality of work, clarity, and completeness of the submitted materials will be considered.

Abstract guidelines

Abstracts must be submitted in English. Abstracts must be text only and must be 250 words or less. Please proofread carefully before submitting the abstract. The following must be included in your submission:

- Presenters must include credentials, name of institution, mailing address, contact information and details of any co-authors in their submissions.

Presentation format options

Only electronic presentations will be accepted. PowerPoint presentations can be supplied on one of the following: Floppy disc, CD-ROM or USB (flash drive).

The computers used for presentations at the conference will be PCs equipped with Microsoft Office Professional Edition, which is compatible with earlier versions of PowerPoint.

Chairs will apply a strict time limit of 20 minutes (plus 10 minutes for questions) to all presentations at parallel sessions of the conference.

Poster Presenter Information

Designated poster space will be wooden or felt boards. The space allotted to one speaker will measure 100cm (width) x 122 cm (height). Posters will be attached to the board using push pins. Pins will be provided.

All posters will be on show through out the conference. However, there will be three Poster Sessions during the conference during which time the presenters of that series will be required to be available at their posters. At registration, a map of the poster board area, the session assignment and location of your poster will be provided.

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Sponsorships

Young and mid-level science communicators who require sponsorship to attend and/or present a paper at the conference should submit their requests via email to taskeen@inkanyezi.co.za. Priority will be given to science communicators from Africa.