

COR
the colloquium of organic researchers
Conference 2008
Organic Food & Farming
Fit for the Future

NOTES TO AUTHORS

INTRODUCTION.

The conference is spilt into three themes.

Theme 1. Organic Systems in a Time of Climate Change.

Impacts of Organic Farming: Current and Future. (Organic Systems, Energy, Public Goods, Food Quality).

Theme 2. Squaring Expectations of the Market, Citizen & Policy Maker.

Squaring Expectations – What is Appropriate?

Theme 3. Knowledge Exchange.

Themes 1 & 2 will have Plenary, Parallel and Poster sessions. Theme 3 will include an on-farm workshop/visit and a parallel session (including posters).

Papers are sought for all themes. Papers should be submitted inline with this document against a theme and a preference of whether a platform or poster session is preferred should be indicated. The Organizing Committee cannot guarantee that these preferences will be met.

Papers must be submitted via organic OrgPrints by **1st October 2007**. If revisions are required, authors will be asked to submit a final version by **15th January 2008**.

Authors must ensure that all items submitted are clearly presented, correctly laid out free from technical errors and timely.

Papers or posters which do not meet the required standards may be rejected.

TIMETABLE

1st October 2007

Final date for submission of papers through OrgPrints.

15th January 2008

Final date for re-submission via OrgPrints to Session Organizers of

- revised version of your paper, if required, for publication in the Proceedings (oral and poster presentations)
- draft copy of poster (poster presentations only)
- PowerPoint or other demonstration

VISUAL AIDS

Speakers should give PowerPoint demonstrations to accompany their presentations.

Presentations should be clearly readable by the audience. This means using a clear, bold typeface, with a maximum of seven words per line and five lines of text per slide. Tables, graphs and histograms should be kept simple and clear. Three dimensional graphics are often difficult to read and should not be used. Slides may include a small discreet logo but should not include commercial advertising. Remember that you have only 10-15 minutes to make your presentation (your Session Organizer will tell you exactly).

PREPARATION OF PAPERS

Papers should be submitted as electronic files via organic eprints (see attached instructions). A template written in Word is available and must be used for submission. You should save this as NAMEtex.doc and type in your own text, ensuring that all parts of the document are assigned one of the following styles, selected from the Styles menu on the Formatting toolbar: Title of paper (heading 1), Institution, Abstract, Heading, 2 for main headings, Heading 3 for subheadings. Further heading levels should be avoided. There also styles for Table (and figure legend), Table body, Table footnote and for References and normal text (everything else)..

Reviewing

The papers will be reviewed. If there are substantial comments or corrections, the papers will be returned to the authors for revision. Otherwise there will be no opportunity for the authors to correct after submission.

Number of pages

Papers for oral presentation should be not more than four pages long, and papers for poster presentation should be two pages.

POSTER BOARDS

Posters will be an important feature at the COR conference. Apart from the official poster sessions when authors will have an opportunity to present their work informally, the poster room will be open throughout the conference for people to visit. As such, the quality of the posters is a constant reflection of the Conference as a whole.

The poster boards

Each poster author will be allocated a poster board, measuring 100 x 100 cm (this is more than big enough for an A1 poster). The poster presentation must be no bigger than this space.

Header

You should produce a header for your display. This should match the title and authors as presented in the written paper for inclusion within the Proceedings. The title should not exceed 170 characters, including spaces (shorten it if necessary), and no more than four authors should be cited (use *et al.* if necessary). Use Book Antiqua 72-point for the title and authors.

Photograph

Please supply a photograph of yourself (passport size is adequate) so that delegates will be able to identify you as the author of your display, and affix it next to the header.

Content

Posters should be clear, simple and self explanatory. Visual presentations such as graphs, histograms and photographs should be used as far as possible. Remember that you also have two pages of the Proceedings in which to present your work, so the poster display should not be loaded with detail. Ideally, research reports should be arranged under the following headings: Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Many posters will not of course fit this structure. All figures and tables must have captions, labelled axes and legends.

References should not be included in the poster display. They will be available in the Proceedings.

The poster must be legible from a distance of approximately two metres. No text, including axes and legends, should be smaller than 36 point type. Headings should use at least 70 point type. You may use any font. Thus:

Headings

Smallest text

Mounting your poster board

The poster display boards are compatible with Velcro, and you are responsible for supplying your own. Pins, adhesive tape and the like may not be used.

Authors are strongly advised to mount all items to appear on their poster presentation onto lightweight card, or similar, before arriving at the event. Attempting to attach numerous small items onto the presentation boards will lead to a poor quality presentation. Please also remember that Velcro applied to photographs or paper can be difficult to remove and may leave a mark.

Poster erecting and dismantling times

Posters must be erected before lunchtime on the Monday and may not be taken down until after lunchtime on the Wednesday. Lead authors must attend the relevant poster session to present your work.

More details of the conference can be found on the COR website at www.organicresearchers.com.
