

# Call for Research Posters and Lightning Talks

NSERC CNAES 5th Annual Meeting

April 26-27, 2017

University of Toronto

Toronto, Ontario

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**All CNAES Graduate students and Post-doctoral researchers (Highly-Qualified Personnel; HQP) are expected to present a Lightning Talk and a Poster Presentation.** If Alumni HQP are able to attend, it will be a great opportunity to showcase their research with a poster too.

These are valuable opportunities for HQP to share information and updates about their research. The poster presentations will provide excellent opportunities to discuss research in detail following the overview from the lightning talks. Similar to last year, constructive feedback will be given to HQP to help them further strengthen their presentation skills.

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## **1. Poster Presentations**

**Date & Time: Wednesday April 26, 2017, Afternoon.**

**Location: Faculty Club, University of Toronto**

Appetizers and cash bar will be available

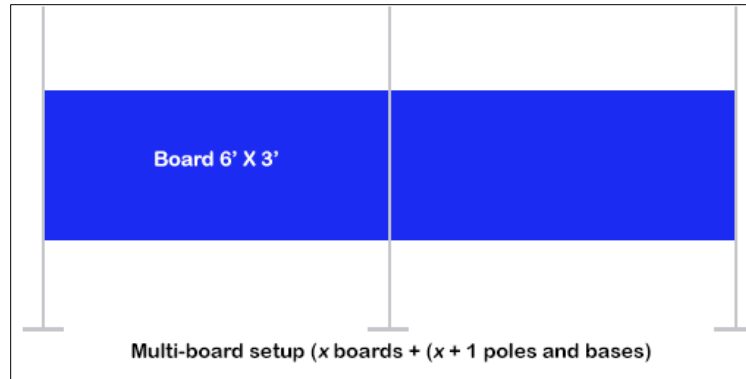
The room details and exact timing will be included in the final program. Posters will be assigned a timeslot so that HQP also have an opportunity to view the other Posters.

### ***Who needs to submit an abstract for a poster presentation?***

- **All active HQP. Alumni are encouraged to participate too.** If your project is not complete, please highlight your expected outcomes.
- **Co-investigators:** If any of your HQP are unable to attend, it is important that they still prepare a poster presentation highlighting the research progress to-date and the expected outcomes of the project, and that the poster be presented at the meeting on their behalf.

### **Format & Content Instructions:**

- **Maximum Dimensions:** 6 feet wide by 3 feet tall (horizontal orientation, as shown in the diagram below). Velcro will be provided to attach your poster to the board.



- **Required content:**
  - **How does your research link to aquatic ecosystem services?**
  - **CNAES logo** (English or French; see website for a copy of the logo)
- **Suggested Content**
  - *A title banner: Project Title, CNAES project ID, author(s) and affiliations, and contact information*
  - *Short Introduction*
  - *Your Objective(s)*
  - *Methods/Approaches*
  - *Results (or expected results, depending on your stage of research)*
  - *Discussion and Conclusions*
  - *Short reference list (optional)*

**Note: Participants are responsible for printing their posters.**

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## **2. Lightning Talks**

These oral presentations will be interspersed throughout the day on **Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>**, prior to the Poster Session.

**This is a fun, informal way of presenting your research to other Network members.** The purpose of these presentations is to give the audience a general overview of your research in a very short amount of time. **These talks are important because they will allow you to provide an update on your research progress and introduce your poster to the full audience to enhance interactions during the poster sessions.**

### **Format:**

- **3 – 5 minutes in length.**
- **Maximum 3 slides. Animations are allowed. Slides are optional.**
- Language should be directed toward a mixed audience of industry, academic and government representatives (i.e. not all scientists that have a thorough understanding of your specific area of research). Avoid the use of jargon and define any technical/scientific terminology in clear and plain language.
- No question & answer period. The audience will be encouraged to visit your poster to discuss your research with you.

### **Required content:**

- **How does your research link to aquatic ecosystem services?**

### ***Some questions to consider answering during your talk:***

- What are your research objectives?
- What methods and or approaches are you using (including collaborative aspects)?
- What are your results and interpretations? (if available)
- What is (or will be) the significance of your research? Future steps? (if applicable)

Remember – this is not a traditional science conference. Creativity is encouraged! You may use slides in the conventional sense or just have a couple to highlight certain aspects of your research. **Remember that slides are optional.**

**If using slides, they must be saved as a .pdf or .ppt (PowerPoint) on a USB key and must be uploaded at the information desk on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please name your pdf or ppt file as follows: LAST-NAME\_PROJECTNUMBER.ppt (e.g., ROBINSON\_II-1.ppt).**

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### **3. Abstract Submission Instructions**

**An abstract must be submitted for your Poster and Lightning Talk presentations. Please indicate that you are submitting an abstract when filling out the online registration form.**

**Your abstract must include the following:**

- Clearly and concisely describe results to-date and the implications/outcomes of the project **OR** highlight proposed work, objectives of the project, any expected results, and the implications and outcomes associated with the project.
- Describe how your research links to aquatic ecosystem services (1-2 sentences)

**Maximum 200 words**, in a single paragraph, and must not contain any references. Please use Times New Roman font, size 12.

Your abstract title will be used as the title for both your Poster and Lightning Talk in the Meeting Program by default. If you wish to use different titles, please include the additional title with your abstract.

Please **use the format below** in order to facilitate the production of the abstracts booklet. This booklet will be circulated via email and posted on the CNAES website prior to the Annual Meeting.

Title:

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CNAES Project II-1.: Project title

*Abstract text. (200 words MAXIMUM).*

*\*Highlight the presenter in **bold***

**The deadline for abstract submission is [April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 11:59 pm EST](#). Email your abstract in an attached file (Word or equivalent) to Dana Vianna ([d.vianna@utoronto.ca](mailto:d.vianna@utoronto.ca))**

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#### **4. Feedback**

All Lightning Talks and Poster Presentations will receive constructive written feedback. The Annual Meeting is a unique opportunity to practice presenting and learn ways to improve your presentation style in a non-competitive setting. Volunteers will provide written comments in the following 3 categories:

***Keep*** – *These are your strengths! Continue doing these things.*

***Stop*** – *Things to change/improve that would strengthen your presentation.*

***Start*** – *Things to try or to add in future presentations.*

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#### **Questions?**

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