BIOCOMM 2025 Presenter Guidelines
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BIOCOMM is the international conference of the BioCommunications Association (BCA). The conference delivers scientific and educational programs and workshops. It is also our forum for face-to-face networking with colleagues from around the world. A successful BIOCOMM depends on sharing knowledge and demonstrating skills that have been developed while working in the broad fields of scientific photography and biocommunications. Participants seek to enhance professional knowledge and competency through sharing of both emerging and current technologies. The scientific program and workshops at BIOCOMM are designed to meet this need.

Role of the Presenter

Your presentation should provide the attendee with a learning experience in specialized knowledge and/or skills. Information you present should be timely, relevant, and meet the objectives of the meeting. Your knowledge of, and enthusiasm for your subject, should be apparent.

BIOCOMM attendees are an engaged and inquisitive audience and seek every opportunity to interact informally with speakers, as well as with each other. Speakers should make themselves available to answer questions or arrange a later time for further discussion.

Audience

Attendees are a diverse group of users and producers of visual media in medicine, life sciences and related scientific imaging industries. They may be specialists in photography, computer technology, motion media or education. Typically, they are employed by hospitals, medical centers, universities, research institutes, pharmaceutical companies and forensic departments. They may also run their own business. Attendees may be new to the field, or experienced professionals looking for new knowledge and networking.

Presentation Sessions

Plenary - Presentations are intended to address the entire group of attendees. Topics should be something of interest for everyone in attendance. Each topic is covered in 20-45 minutes.

Info Share - Presentations of general interest on new equipment, materials, techniques or processes. Each topic is covered in 5-7 minutes.

Show us Your Stuff / Show us Your Place - A collection of short presentations that explains how/why a photograph was created or an overview of your institution. Each topic is covered in10 minutes.

Current Trends - A collection of presentations of general or special interest on emerging trends, specialty, software or technique. Each topic is covered in 10 to 20 minutes and presented in the plenary session.

Workshops - Presentations are intended to be interactive, hands-on skill-building classes that may be combined with instructional content. Attendance affords the participants with an opportunity for gaining direct, practical knowledge and/or experience. Workshops require extensive preparation by the speaker. Presenters are facilitators, enabling participants to share questions and ideas with their peers. Sessions are typically held in blocks of 1.5 and 3 hours.

Policies

Potential presenters must fill out a Call for Participation Abstract form and submit it by the posted deadline. Speakers do not receive honoraria, lodging, or travel expenses and they pay the registration fee which corresponds to their membership category. The presentation is a contribution to the profession and the BCA.

Speaker Presentation Proposal - Abstract
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Please complete and email this form and your photo as per the specifications outlined below to communications@bca.org

Presenters are responsible for their own conference registration, travel, lodging, and other expenses.

First/Last name:

Your title:

Company:

Address:

City/State/Province:

Zip/Post code:

Country:

Phone (include area and country code):

Email:

Instructions to Presenters

Abstracts must be a clear, concise summary of the presentation and kept to under 125 words. Do not include introduction, literature reviews, historical data, references or bibliographies. For examples of abstracts and biographies, go to https://bca.org/BIOCOMM-2023-Speakers.

- ✓ List the presenting author first.
- ✓ Author(s) biography must not exceed 100 words.
- ✓ Include a current portrait that meets the following requirements: two by three inches at 300 dpi.

Presentation format requested (choose one):

Plenary (20-30 minutes)
Info Share (5-7 minutes)
Show us Your Stuff (5-10 minutes)
Show us Your Place (5-10 minutes)
Current Trends (10-20 minutes)
Workshops (90 to 180 minutes)

Suggested time (minutes):   . Please estimate the time required to provide a sufficiently detailed professional presentation using the suggested time frame.

Presentation Title

Presenter(s)

Abstract

Describe the problem, issue, or technique you propose to present. Include the major points the audience will take away from your presentation and why it should be important to conference attendees. (No more than 125 words.)

Biography

Provide a brief biography. Describe your background and area of expertise as it applies to the subject being presented–e.g., current position, educational background, published works or presentations given. (No more than 100 words.)

Equipment requirements:

(A data projector will be provided. HDMI is the standard connection.)

Do you plan to bring your own computer?   YES   NO

Will you require a specific platform?   Mac   PC

Other equipment or setup requirements (specify):

Note: BCA may not be able to meet all your requirements.

Declaration: I understand that presentations given during the annual meeting may be photographed or otherwise recorded and used at the discretion of the Association for member and/or public access for the purpose of fulfilling the mission and objectives of the BCA. Please state any limitations or conditions below and sign, acknowledging that you have read and agree to these terms. List amendments below.

Signature _____   Date _____

Amendments to declaration above:

For further information, contact the Conference Committee at:

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