Call for Abstracts and Workshops
CWRA Alberta Branch Annual Conference

Alberta's Water Resources in a Changing World

Red Deer April 14 - 16, 2019

Change occurs constantly all around us, including changes to social, political, technological, and bio-physical systems. Water is often at the centre of these changes, leading to wide-ranging discussions of concerns with drought, flooding, water quality, availability, and infrastructure sustainability. Navigating through these concerns, challenges, and changes toward solutions requires a multidisciplinary team approach, using scientific research data.

The CWRA Alberta Branch hosts annual conferences to bring together professionals working on aspects of water-related topics to facilitate collaboration and information exchanges between scientists, researchers, practitioners, managers, stakeholders, and decision-makers. The Alberta Branch of the Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) is issuing this call for abstracts and workshops for the 2019 conference in Red Deer focusing on challenges facing Alberta's water resources in a changing world.

The 2019 conference is soliciting presentations on the following themes:

- Changes in flood cycles and hydrological patterns
- Evolving water policies and management strategies
- Sustainable and resilient water use
- Water quality, contamination, and consequences
- Infrastructure management and adaptability
- New and emerging tools and technologies (e.g. monitoring, modelling, and other analytical tools)

The conference aims to explore topics of interest to public and private sector groups, including academics, consultants, government representatives, environmental groups, landowners, watershed organizations, and stakeholders involved in various aspects of water resource management in Alberta.

Submissions for presentations, special sessions, and workshops are welcome. For further information, including abstract submission, conference registration, and updates, please visit the conference website: alberta.cwra.org

Submissions for presentations, special sessions, and workshops will be accepted through the website between **November 30, 2018 and January 31, 2019**.

Special Session and Workshop Proposals

The organizers are also seeking proposals for Special Sessions and Workshops through this call.

The conference committee welcomes proposals for Special Sessions and Workshops that complement the conference themes and provide opportunities for information sharing and technical training of participants in specific areas relevant to the conference theme.

Special sessions will integrate timely and focused topics of interest to a diverse audience and can reach across disciplines. Proposals for special sessions should be accompanied by a list of prospective speakers and tentative presentation titles or topics, to allow the organizing committee to evaluate interest in the proposed session.

Workshops will be either a half-day or full-day session and may be held either on **Sunday April 14, 2019** (afternoon half day sessions) or **Wednesday April 17, 2019** (half day and/or full day). The workshops would not typically coincide with the conference presentation sessions.

Please contact the Program Co-Chairs with any questions: **ab.program@cwra.org**

Presentation Abstracts

Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words and should not include tables, images, pictures or special typographic characters. The abstract should clearly indicate the area of interest of your presentation. The Program Committee will evaluate abstracts and every attempt will be made to accommodate as many papers as possible, with preference being awarded to those submissions that directly fit the above conference themes. An individual may submit more than one abstract; however, each abstract must be submitted separately.

To ensure compatibility, it is requested that presentations be created in PowerPoint format and available on a USB to transfer to sessions computers.

Speaker Registration

CWRA is a non-profit organization. Speakers will need to register for the conference as a conference attendee. **Registration will open January 15, 2018**

Please save the date, and plan to join us for an exciting two days of discussion and debate. We will begin accepting abstracts for conference presentations **November 30, 2018.**