



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Society for Chemical Hazard Communication
23rd Annual Technical Poster Session
2021 Virtual Conference

What is the live technical poster session and an abstract?

The live technical poster session is an informal forum for the exchange of ideas. Ideas are presented as posters on a virtual platform where authors and attendees can mingle and exchange opinions. An abstract is a short summary (approximately 200 words) of the ideas being presented in the poster. Once accepted, abstracts are posted on the SCHC website and the virtual conference platform (Pathable).

Who may present a poster?

Any SCHC member may submit an abstract and create a poster. The abstract should clearly communicate how the topic is related to chemical hazard communication, and the poster can be done individually or jointly with co-authors. Abstracts from non-members will be accepted, but they must be sponsored by an SCHC member.

What topics are appropriate for the SCHC live technical poster session?

Any topic related to chemical hazard communication, in its broadest sense, may be presented at the poster session. It could be a problem that you resolved, a project from your work, or a proposed improvement. A poster can focus on labels, SDS, signage, training, regulations, or policies. It can be informative, teach, or entertain. It can focus on a new topic that people need to know about. It can relate to a presentation that will be on an agenda, was on an agenda, or will never make an agenda because it's not big enough. It can be an update of an earlier poster. It can focus on an issue discussed in one of the Professional Development courses, or it could focus on one of the countries discussed in a course. It can even be about SCHC or one of its parts.

Posters intended to market a specific product or service are NOT considered appropriate for the Poster Session but are appropriate for the Vendor Exhibit.

How to participate?

1. Formulate an idea for a poster.
2. Summarize the idea in an abstract of approximately 200 words, which includes a title (no more than 20 words if possible), author's name(s), and contact information (e.g. affiliation, address, and e-mail address).
3. Email the abstract to the Poster Chair (poster@schc.org) for review (word document attachment preferred) by the submission deadline (**September 24, 2021**). The abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee for applicability, appropriateness, and quality. Typically, the authors will be notified if the abstract has been accepted or not within 10 days after the submission deadline.
4. Once the abstract is accepted, prepare an electronic poster (single page in pdf format) and get it ready before **October 15, 2021**. This poster will be uploaded approximately two weeks before the conference start date and displayed during the whole conference (November 1-5). The presentation date and time will be announced later. The presenter must register for the conference to present the poster.
5. If you prefer, prepare a short presentation (less than 15 minutes) to introduce the idea of your poster at the virtual conference. If the contents of your poster look small on the computer screen, you may prepare another multipage PowerPoint file to clearly demonstrate the information on your poster during the presentation. Be ready to answer the questions from the audience and the moderator.

Why should you take the time to present a poster at the technical poster session?

It is an excellent opportunity to present ideas to, and receive feedback from, other HazCom professionals. A number of plenary session presentations have originated as posters. There's a prize for the best one and it's also a great way to show SCHC you're interested and involved in the organization.

Abstracts or questions about abstracts or the Technical Poster Session should be sent to:

Poster Session Committee Chair
poster@schc.org