Call for Abstracts

The Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring (CERM) committee invites researchers to submit abstracts for presentation at the 2018 CERM Conference in Highmount, NY. The theme this year is '*Interactions Between Human and Natural Systems in the Catskills.*' The conference will feature a range of talks, workshops, and networking opportunities for researchers and natural resource managers working in the Catskills and similar landscapes.

This is an opportunity to present research conducted in the Catskills or from regions that might translate to the Catskills. We encourage presentations that present new research results, review the state of knowledge in a particular area of specialization, identify areas where research or monitoring is lacking, or discuss new research methods that could be applied to the Catskills.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference steering committee. Acceptance is based on content, available space, and overall program balance. Oral and poster presentations take place on Wednesday and Thursday, October 24 and 25, 2018. Discussions and field trips are planned for October 26.

The submission deadline is September 7, 2018. Submit abstracts to Mark Vian at: VianM@dep.nyc.gov.

When submitting abstracts, include the following:

*   Abstract title
*   Authors and institution affiliations
*   Principal contact address, phone number and email
*   Abstract (Enter the full text of your abstract. Abstracts are limited to a maximum of 500 words, excluding citations.)
*   Indicate poster or oral presentation preference
*   For students, indicate if financial assistance is needed to attend the conference. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Platform presenter Dr. Gary Lovett at the 2016 CERM Conference.

Presentations

Oral Presentation - Authors will be selected to give a 15-20 minute oral presentation about their research.

Poster Presentation - Authors of accepted abstracts are expected to present a poster (if not giving an oral presentation). Poster presentations will be on display Wednesday, October 24 and if possible Thursday, October 25. At least one author is expected to attend a poster session and mixer at 5:00 p.m. on October 24. When preparing your poster, please keep the dimensions about 1 meter tall by 1 meter wide (40 inches by 40 inches) and size the text so it can be read from several yards away (approximately 24-36 point font for the body text). Use images, charts, figures and bulleted lists when possible.

Authors will receive an email confirming the receipt of their submission. Notification of acceptance will be emailed to authors by September 14.

Details regarding the conference agenda and registration will be posted at:
http://ashokanstreams.org/conferences-training/research-conference/