

## SAF 2011 National Convention

### International Year of Forests: Linking Local, Regional, and Global Solutions

#### CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

We invite you to participate in the annual Society of American Foresters National Convention, which is the premier professional forestry and natural resources event in the United States. Honolulu, Hawaii, our host city provides an exciting backdrop for talking about the many – and often intricate – links between local, regional and global forest stewardship issues. Hawaii's native forests represent one of the most remarkable natural assemblages on Earth, with nearly as many forest and woodland types as there are U.S. states, with 175 different species of native trees, many of which are found nowhere else in the world.

At the 2011 SAF Convention, we want to offer a program that appeals broadly to the Society's membership by highlighting cutting-edge forest-focused science delivered in a way that is interesting to scientists and accessible to forest managers. We want to promote both the science and practice of forest stewardship and conservation. Oral and poster presentations from diverse disciplines pique attendees' interest and provide learning and exchange opportunities for foresters and natural resource professionals in all sectors of forestry.

#### **Presentation Formats**

*Individual oral presentations* may take the form of case studies or scientific papers with basic or applied themes. Each presentation is given a 30-minute time allotment, which includes time for introductions and questions.

*Panel presentations* are a moderated session with multiple presentations on a single theme with time reserved for facilitated questions and answers, in-depth discussion, or exploring multiple viewpoints. Panels may request more than one 30-minute time slot. All panel proposals must contain a title and abstract for each speaker's presentation.

*Poster presentations* are a formal visual presentation of current research, field trial, educational program, outreach project, or practical application of science or management concepts.

The Scientific and Technical Concurrent Sessions and the Poster Symposia are intended to showcase a wide range of projects and programs through presentations about current research and field trials, practical applications and innovations, education and outreach, and new ideas or results outside the mainstream of academia and forest practice.

The following track themes were developed to enhance and focus the overall convention theme – International Year of Forests: Linking Local, Regional and Global Solutions:

- Pacific Rim Forestry
- Silviculture & Forest Ecology
- The Business of Forest Enterprise
- Consulting Forestry
- Certification & Ecosystem Services
- Forest Management, Engineering & Operations
- Global Competency
- Urban Ecosystems
- Forest Policy
- Biosecurity
- Human Dimensions
- Recreation & Ecotourism

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**Scientific and Technical Concurrent Sessions**

*Abstract Submission Deadline – February 28, 2011*

**Abstract Submissions for Oral and Panel Presentations**

Submissions relating to the convention theme are encouraged; however submissions are welcome on any of the many facets of forestry, including economics, education and communication, entomology and pathology, fire, forest ecology, geospatial technologies, history, international forestry, measurements, policy, recreation, silviculture, social sciences, soils and hydrology, urban and community forestry, utilization and engineering, and wildlife management.

Presentation abstracts will be single-blind peer –reviewed against the following criteria.

**Review Criteria**

1. Clarity: the thought/expression/concept should be reasonable and comprehensible.
2. Scientific approach: including definition of the problem, hypothesis, methodology, application, results, analysis.
3. Practice of Forestry: should bridge the gap between science and decision making in the field of forest management.
4. Originality: should report preliminary or novel results on limited data sets or applications of existing methodologies to new areas.
5. Contemporary Topics: relevant to the convention theme and track themes that will appeal to a large number of attendees and contribute to professional development.
6. Policy: local, regional, national or international policy or program analysis using quantitative or qualitative data analysis.

Abstracts accepted as meeting Criterion 1 and at least one of the other five *may* be accepted for the program. The number of submissions that can be accepted for the program will be limited by the number of rooms available and the number of 30-minute time slots scheduled. Abstracts selected to be part of the program will be published in a special convention proceedings.

All authors are encouraged to submit their full paper to the *Journal of Forestry*, *Forest Science* or to one of the Regional Journals of Applied Forestry. Paper submissions will follow the submission and review guidelines prescribed by each journal's Editorial Policy. (For more detailed information, see <http://www.safnet.org/publications/index.cfm> ) The publication of an accepted conference abstract in the convention proceedings does *not* guarantee future publication of the full article.

**To submit a presentation or panel proposal, please visit [www.xcdsystem.com/saf2011](http://www.xcdsystem.com/saf2011)**

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**Poster Symposium**

*Abstract Submission Deadline – September 12, 2011*

Each Symposium is an organized group of posters around a specific topic and displayed together in the poster area in the Exhibit Hall. Each poster author is assigned a specific time to summarize the poster and participate in a moderated question and answer session.

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*Posters announcing meetings or designed primarily as advertisements for publications or products will not be accepted.*

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