CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

20ᵗʰ Annual
Regional Science Consortium
Research Symposium

November 6-8, 2024

Where: Regional Science Consortium at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle in Erie, Pennsylvania

When: November 6-8, 2024

Why: To present recent research, on-going research, or proposed research, discuss topics related to regional research, and to meet with others who share common research interests

Who: Consortium members; including faculty, researchers, students, and invited guests

Due: Abstracts due by October 7, 2024

Registration:
Registration will occur online through the RSC website; **including submission of abstract, type of presentation, and payment.** Click on the Symposium Event link on the homepage at www.RegSciConsort.com

Questions: Contact Jeanette Schnars, Jeanette@RegSciConsort.com

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Presentations

- Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and researchers
- Oral or Poster presentations on **proposed, on-going, or recent** research projects in the region
- The goal is to make others aware of your research and initiate potential collaborations

Registration

- Registration for oral and poster presentations - $35
- Registration for speed talk presentations - $15
- Registration for attendees not presenting – *No Fee*
- Please register at: http://www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposium/

Tentative Timeline

- September 9 – Call for Papers/Poster abstracts
- October 7 – Deadline for abstract submissions
- October 21 – Symposium schedule available online
- November 6, 7, and 8 – Symposium Presentations
  - November 6 at 6:00 – 8:30 PM, Poster Session and Art Exhibit with refreshments
- November 8 – Closing of Symposium and Announcement of Student Presentation Awards

Abstract Submission and Registration

Start your registration and abstract submission online at:
http://www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposium/ and follow these steps:

- Scroll down to "Register for Symposium Presentation"
- Select type of presentation
- Select Student Awards if you are a student
- If you are a Faculty Member or Researcher (**not a student**), select if you would like to be a Judge
- Type in Address
- Select "Add to Cart"
- A new window will pop up requesting payment for registration; you can use your PayPal Account or a Credit Card
- **Once payment is complete, scroll to bottom of page and select "Return to Merchant"**
- Upload Abstract as directed
  - Type in Presenter name(s)
  - Type in one contact email address
  - If there is a specific message for Symposium organizers, type in Message box
  - Select "Choose File" and upload your Abstract (see guidelines below for Abstract format)
- Click "Submit"
- You should receive an email within 24 hours confirming your abstract submission

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Abstract Guidelines for Papers and Posters

Please limit abstracts to no more than 250 words. Abstract must include:
- Title
- List of all authors and their affiliations; indicate which author(s) is/are presenting with an (*)
- Abstracts must be submitted in MSWord
- All text should be in 12 pt. Times New Roman font and single spaced

Submit abstract online at: http://www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposium/ . **You will be prompted after your registration and payment to upload your abstract**.

Oral Presentations
- Presentation should be a total of 20 minutes in length, which includes time for questions
- All oral presentations will be given in Room 112 of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and virtually
- All talks should be loaded on the computer at the registration table no later than the break prior to the session of the presentation; Talks can be loaded at an earlier date by coordinating with the RSC Executive Director, Jeanette Schnars
- A USB drive is an acceptable means for transferring talks to the desktop.
- You WILL NOT be able to connect your individual laptop computer to the projector in the room
- All presentations must run using MS PowerPoint
- The laptop and projection system are PC compatible; Please verify your stored presentation will transfer and run on an independent computer before coming to the conference
- We will make all attempts to make the audiovisual support as seamless as possible; We will not, however, delay the program because of failure of a presentation to run on the host computer

Poster Presentations & Art Exhibits
- Presenters and Artists must be available during the Poster Session & Art Exhibit on Wednesday, November 6 (6:00 – 8:30 PM) to qualify for judging for the student awards
- Posters must measure no greater than **38 inches wide**
- Each presenter will need to supply their own Velcro to hang their poster
- Hanging posters using pins or tacks does not work
- Posters should be taken down at the end of the Poster Session
- **Art Exhibits**
  - Please advise Symposium organizers the dimensions and type of support needed to display your artwork (table, panels, floor space with stanchions, electric available, etc.)
  - All forms of art are welcome

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Speed Talks

- We encourage those students and researchers with new projects to present. If your project is a proposal or only has a limited amount of data, then present at the "Speed Talk" session. The Speed Talk sessions are only 10 minutes; however, this is a great opportunity to inform other researchers of your work and encourage collaborations and partnerships.

The Jerry B. Covert Student Presentation Awards

- Undergraduate and graduate students giving oral, poster, or art presentations that want to be considered for *Student Presentations Awards* should note this on their registration form
- Oral presentations 1st Place - $100, 2nd Place - $50, poster presentation 1st Place - $50 (undergraduate and graduate students), art presentation 1st Place - $50 (undergraduate and graduate students)
- Awards will be presented Friday, November 8 (see Proceeding for time);
- Presentations that are part of the "Speed Talk" session are not eligible for student awards

Judges

- If you are a faculty member or researcher, please consider judging the student presentations. Sign up by submitting the registration form online. Judging packets will be available at the registration table during the Symposium.

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