29th EES Symposium – April 12, 2024

Symposium Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts due: **February 26, 2024.**

Your abstract should be up to **150 words** long. This means there is just enough space to present the key points of your presentation or poster. At the same time, the abstract needs to be written in such a way that it can stand alone in the conference booklet.

Suggested steps for developing your abstract:

1) Decide on your topic.
2) Write a short title that communicates the topic in a way that can attract the audience's interest.
3) In the main body succinctly write:
    a. What the problem is.
    b. Why we should care about the problem.
    c. What aspect of the problem you try to solve and why that is important.
    d. What scientific approach you used (e.g., lab experiment, field measurements, modeling, literature review).
    e. What the most important (1-3) results are.
    f. A concluding statement about what the results mean.

In writing your abstract, keep in mind that the Symposium attendees have a variety of backgrounds. For this reason, <u>avoid using acronyms and highly specialized jargon</u> that only people in your narrower scientific community can readily understand.

A few more points:
- Prefer present tense and active voice, when possible.
- Avoid filler words (your writing space is too precious).
- Re-read your abstract to make sure:
    - It is consistent with the title and what you intend to present.
    - It is structured in a reasonable order (problem, methods, results, conclusion).
    - It flows well from sentence to sentence.
    - It is clear and can stand on its own.
    - It has no typos or grammatical errors.