

Statement on assessment of presentations made at meetings of the International Association of Sedimentologists

Contributions to meetings of the IAS may be made as either a Keynote, Poster, Oral or Short Oral presentation. All four modes of presentation are treated equally and do not in any way reflect the scientific quality or value of the presented material.

Keynote presentations typically occur as the first oral presentation within a session and establish an underlying theme for that session. Keynote speakers may be invited by the session convenors or selected from the presentations submitted to the session. At the discretion of the meeting convenors, keynote presentations may be of the same duration as Oral presentations or may be assigned an extended presentation time.

Poster presentations summarise the scientific contribution in the format of a graphical display, designed to encourage and enhance interaction, discussion and feedback. Poster presenters must be in attendance at their poster during the assigned author-in-attendance time – typically a period of 2 hours. At the discretion of the meeting convenors, poster presentations may be supported by a short (typically 1 minute) poster introduction at the conclusion of the oral session.

Oral presentations involve the verbal presentation of the contribution with the support of appropriate graphics. Oral presentations are typically of 12 minutes duration with a further 2 minutes for questions and answers – timings may be modified at the discretion of the Meeting Organisers but will be strictly followed.

Short oral presentations comprise a mixture of verbal and poster presentation elements. The presenter is typically assigned a scheduled 3 minute oral slot with a maximum of 3 slides to verbally present their topic. Discussion and feedback are then focused around a supporting graphical display in the form of a poster. Short oral presenters must be in attendance at their poster during the assigned author-in-attendance time – typically a period of 2 hours. Again, all times are at the discretion of the Meeting Organisers.

At the time of abstract submission, the submitting author will state a preference for Poster, Oral or Short oral presentation. The session convenors will carefully review all submitted abstracts in order to assess scientific content. Abstracts that fail to meet the standards of the meeting will either be returned to the author for modification or will be rejected.

Accepted abstracts will be assigned to either a Poster, Oral or Short oral presentation. The mode of presentation will be decided on the basis of both the stated preference of the submitting author and the balance and number of abstracts submitted to the session. The mode of presentation in no way reflects the scientific quality, value or prestige of the abstract or subsequent presentation. All accepted contributions at IAS meetings are of equal value, to employ the mode of presentation as a criteria for assessing the scientific value of contributions, in terms of funding or evaluations, would therefore be meaningless.