



# INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

## **Call for Abstracts:**

APBC 2025 welcomes submissions for Oral and Poster presentations covering plant breeding practices across a wide range of sectors, including but not limited to grain production, horticulture, viticulture, pomology, olericulture, floriculture and horticulture.

Under the banner of ***Celebrating Impact: Past Success and Future Prospects***, the APBC 2025 Program will be organised around the following key themes:

1. *Genomics and Advanced Breeding Techniques*
2. *Breeding for Climate Change and Stress Resilience*
3. *Breeding for Food/Feed Quality and Sustainable Practices*

## **Abstract preparation:**

Abstracts must meet the following style guidelines to be considered for presentation. Please ensure that your Abstract is submitted in final form as, if accepted, the submitted version will be included 'as-is' in the **Abstract Book**.

- All abstracts must be prepared in English, which will be the language for all oral presentations.
- The following information will be entered directly into the relevant fields in the on-line submission portal.
  - **Abstract Title:** Maximum of 20 words.
  - **Author Names:** Presenter must be the first author and submitter of the Abstract; use Given Name (firstname) and Family Name (lastname) in that order.
  - **Affiliations:** For each of the authors, provide the primary organisational affiliation (employing institution) that is relevant to the content of the Abstract. Do not include additional affiliations that are unrelated to the authors' interests; use only the highest-level name of the organisation (do not include departmental/unit information).
- The body text of the **Abstract** is to be created off-line using the provided pre-formatted Word document template file which will then be uploaded during on-line submission. You can download this Template document from the Abstract Submission portal.
- The Template is preformatted in Arial 11pt font and has defined margins - do not alter these pre-set formats.
- The Template also contains some clearly identifiable guideline information (in red font) that should be deleted by the author prior to submission.



### **Abstract preparation:**

- The body text of the Abstract (not including Title and Authors) must ***not exceed 500 words***, and should ***be no less than 250 words*** to ensure that it has sufficient detail to enable reviewers to make an informed assessment. Note that Abstract Title, Authors and Affiliation details are not included in the Word count.
- Abstracts should be text only – do not include Tables or Figures in the abstract.
- Reference citations are not required, but if used should be limited to two references. Any references included will be taken as part of the 500-word limit.
- Ensure that all co-authors have read and approved the Abstract submission.
- When saving your completed Abstract please label the file in the format '*lastname\_firstname\_Oral X*' or '*lastname\_firstname\_Flash X*' or '*lastname\_firstname\_Poster X*' before uploading it (for example Singh\_Jaswinder\_Oral1 or King\_Jane\_Flash 1 or Smith\_James\_Poster2).

### **Abstract submission:**

To submit an Abstract go to the [Abstract Submission portal](#) and create an account for your submission and follow the instructions for entering the Abstract metadata and upload the Abstract text file (completed Template).

The Abstract details may be saved and subsequently edited prior to final submission. This will be done by creating an updated version of your Abstract file off-line and then uploading it in place of the previously uploaded/submitted version in the Abstract Submission Portal.

Abstract submissions will close on **1 March 2025**. We encourage submission prior to this date as it will assist the reviewing process.

Your abstract is not successfully submitted until you receive a confirmation email after clicking the final Submit button. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact us.

### **Review and notification of successful submissions:**

Submitted Abstracts will be reviewed by multiple members of the Scientific Program Committee and submitters will be **notified of the outcomes by early April**. Detailed instructions for preparation of oral and poster presentation formats will be provided at that time.

**NOTE:** The Presenter (submitting author) must register to attend the Conference either before or immediately upon being notified of approval of the Abstract for Oral or Poster presentation.

The full Scientific Program is expected to be finalised in late April, and presenters will then be notified of the date/time of their presentations.

You will also note there is the ability to select a 5 minute flash presentation or you may be selected for this option in place of an Oral presentation.



## **Terms & Conditions:**

During the Abstract submission process, submitters will be asked to acknowledge that they understand the following Terms and Conditions:

1. Whereas they retain ownership of copyright of their abstract and eventual presentation, they are permitting the hosts of APBC 2025 to publish the Abstract and any supplied biographical information in the Conference Program, media releases, and on the Conference website, portal and/or app;
2. The final PowerPoint presentation must be supplied to the Conference at least 24 hours prior to your session.
3. Oral presentations may be photographed, filmed and/or audio recorded, and may be made available to delegates;
4. Invitations to give Oral and/or Poster presentations will be conditional on the presenter registering as an in-person delegate at the Conference in Perth, Australia. Co-authors who are not attending the Conference do not have to register. Presenters must complete their registration as a delegate within 7 days of being advised of acceptance of their Abstract for presentation. Presenters acknowledge that if they do not meet this requirement, the invitation to present at the Conference may be withdrawn.
5. Submitters of Abstracts acknowledge that if they are selected for presentation at the Conference then they are responsible for the organisation and costs of their travel, accommodation, registration fee and incidentals in respect to attending the Conference.

## **Key dates:**

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| <b>31 October 2024:</b> | Website open for Abstract submission   |
| <b>1 March 2025:</b>    | Abstract submissions CLOSE. No abstracts accepted after this date.                         |
| <b>1 April 2025:</b>    | All reviews completed, and outcomes notified to submitters.                                |
| <b>23 April 2025:</b>   | Scientific Program completed, and presenters notified of date/time of their presentations. |
| <b>4 June 2024:</b>     | APBC 2025 commences.   |