



Instructions for THEMATIC POSTER Presentations

2019 Annual Conference - March 26-29, 2019

Frisco Conference Center - Frisco, TX

Thematic Posters General Information

Note: There are TWO types of poster presentations, general and thematic. These instructions are for the Thematic Poster Sessions. Please make sure you know which type of poster presentation you will be presenting before making your poster. Contact the Program Chair with any questions.

- Posters should be no more than 48" by 48" (122 cm by 122 cm). Please note that this is the available area and that your poster does not need to fill it completely. For example, your poster could be 36" wide and 48" in height (portrait orientation) or 48" wide and 36" in height (landscape orientation). Most common is a 4x3 ratio landscape orientation with a width less than 48".
- Please go to: <http://colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign> for guidance on creating your poster.
- Posters will be hung on free-standing poster boards with push pins (provided). Each individual is responsible for making sure his or her poster is hung up and taken down in accordance with the schedule for all posters.
- There are 2 thematic poster sessions this year:
 - Thematic Poster Session 1: Inertial Measurement Units (IMUs) and Activity Monitoring – Wednesday March 27, 2019, 1:30–3:30pm
 - Thematic Poster Session 2: Sports Performance – A PRiSM Co-Sponsored Event – Thursday March 28, 2019, 1:30–3:30pm

Presenters need to only attend their posters during their assigned thematic poster session.

- For thematic posters only, each poster will be displayed in 2 different locations during the conference. Prior to and immediately after your assigned thematic poster session, a special area in the general poster area will be assigned for your poster. During the break prior to your session, conference staff will move all posters for that session to the room assigned for thematic posters for that afternoon. After your session, it will be moved back to the general poster area.
- The general poster area is room *Frisco 6*, the same room as the exhibit hall and vendor space. Both thematic poster sessions will be held in *Frisco 2*, the Emerging Technology Mini-Lab.
- Each presenter is responsible for taking down his or her poster by 6pm on Thursday March 28, 2019. Posters left up passed the allotted take down time will be discarded.

Thematic Poster Sessions Schedule and Format

- The first 20 minutes of each session are dedicated to viewing the posters for the session, which will be spaced around the room. At least one named author is required to be present during this designated viewing time. Presenters should review other posters and/or their abstracts prior to the start of the session to know what others are presenting, since they will need to be available for questions on their own work during this time.
- Individual thematic posters will then be presented and discussed for about 14 minutes as follows:
 - 3 minutes or less: Provide a brief overview of work presented in front of your poster to the entire audience (elevator speech).
 - 7-10 minutes: Active discussion among all audience participants. Discussions may carry-over from preceding poster discussions, as all posters will be related in some aspect. Session moderators will encourage discussion among all in the room rather than the question and answer format typical of the podium sessions.
 - <1 minute: Transition to next speaker
- Session moderators will be in place to ensure that the session stays on time. Please practice your presentation prior to the session to ensure that you will fall within the 3 minute or less time limit. It is vital that each speaker stays within their given time limit.
- Microphones will be available for poster presentations. The 3-minute overview provided by each presenter and the following question period will be done orally at the presenter's poster.

For Audience Members:

- The GCMAS thematic poster session is adapted from similar sessions presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics. ASB Past-President Paul DeVita has written an engaging piece on what makes a thematic poster session successful, and you are encouraged to read it here: <http://asb2016.asbweb.org/thoughts-on-thematic-poster-sessions/>
- The success of thematic poster sessions depends on having an engaged audience.
- Discussion should be focused on the topic, and not necessarily on the individual presentation or presenter.
- Participants should leave having learned both about the work presented and how the work will be integrated into the field.

These guidelines were adapted from those previously used by the American Society of Biomechanics.