



2019 Call for Abstracts 33rd Annual International Radon Symposium™

The 2019 International Radon Symposium™ welcomes applications from members of the scientific and medical communities, radon analytic, measurement and mitigation professionals, educators, housing and financial industry leaders, policymakers and public policy advocates, consumers, and others. The Symposium will occur September 9-11 at the Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Abstracts: Abstracts should convey in 150 words or less, the essence of the intended presentation clearly indicating the contribution it will make to the knowledge base of the radon community. [Click here for a template](#). Abstracts which do not follow this format will be returned. Examples of previously accepted work may be found at: <http://aarst-nrpp.com/wp/symposium-proceedings/>

Content of Abstracts: Presentations regarding but not limited to new original research, empirical or applied, on radon risk, radon measurement, radon mitigation, radon-resistant new construction, analytics, risk communication, and similar topics are especially encouraged, including abstracts from related scientific, engineering and health-related disciplines. The Symposium also welcomes presentations on effective methods of conveying essential radon messages to target audiences, reducing risk for low-income families, marketing and expanding radon professional services, enacting and implementing new public policy, demonstrations of radon technology, and similar activities to further the radon profession and transfer of information.

Abstract Codes and Categories – with *some** suggested sub-topics of interest:

Research (Track I)

RA - Analytic Methods/Results

RC - Cost-Effectiveness of Strategies – mitigation, new buildings, policies, program options

RD - Data Collection, Analysis and Mapping

RH - Health Risk Assessment – residential case-control studies, other epidemiologic studies

RM - Mitigation Methods/Results – vapor intrusion, water, commercial, challenging buildings

RNC - Radon Control in New Construction

RR - Radon and Radioactivity – health physics, dosage

RS - Sources - new materials and material studies

RT - Testing/Measurement Methods/Results – QA/QC, devices, large buildings, water

RZ - Other Research Topics

Practice/Policy (Track II)

PBD - Biz Development – radon professional marketing, advertising/media, customer outreach

PLR - Legislative/Regulatory Policy - homebuyer/tenant notification, testing of schools/child care facilities/homes/workplaces, licensure through certification, licensing regulations, working with legislators and regulators

PRC - Risk Communication - target audiences, risk/asset management messaging, free/earned media

PLI - Risk Reduction for Low Income Families - mitigation partnerships, public housing, funding

PNC - Radon Control in New Construction - builder-mitigator partnerships, code adoptions, training

PRP - Radon Profession - capacity, AARST chapters, certification/training

PSP - Strategic Partnerships - Tribes, government, health care providers, realtors, media

PTD - Technical Demonstration – mitigation and measurement methods

PWS - Worker Safety - for mitigation/measurement professionals, workplace radon exposure

PPZ - Other Practice and Policy Topics

* abstracts do not need to fit the suggested sub-topics

How to Submit an Abstract: Abstracts must be submitted by email to symposium@aarst.org by March 1, 2019. The abstract must be presented in WORD (.doc or docx) or another text document format (no .pdfs) that is attached to the email message. The abstract must adhere to the template provided. The title of the abstract shall indicate the abstract category code and the last name of the author. The abstract should specify a requested amount of time that would include a brief question and answer period if desired by the speaker i.e. 20 or 40 minutes. Abstracts that do not adhere to the instructions will be returned.

Review and Acceptance of Abstracts: Research abstracts will be screened for acceptance by the AARST Editorial Board; Practice/Policy abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee and AARST National. Submissions will be confirmed upon receipt, indicating the review process timeline. Authors are notified of acceptance or rejection of their abstracts by April 1, 2019. Acceptance of an abstract is a necessary condition for delivering an oral or poster session at the Symposium. AARST National will determine the amount of time allotted based on the number of presenters and topics being presented. Speakers who intend to present based on an accepted abstract must register for the Symposium by July 15, 2019.

Research Papers: Each author of an accepted research abstract will be invited to submit a full paper, based on the abstract, to be considered for publication in the 2019 AARST Symposium Proceedings. Such paper must be submitted by August 1, 2019. A paper by an author who has not registered for the Symposium by the July 15 deadline will not be considered. The refereeing of research papers is separate from, and independent of, the reviewing of the abstracts; the Proceedings is a peer-reviewed publication. Authors will receive grammar and syntax rules (rubrics) for papers along with their abstract acceptance by email. Authors are solely responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for published material. Authors will be notified if their paper has been accepted for publication by September 15, 2019. Papers are published approximately 2 months post symposium.

All Presentation Submissions: Persons whose abstracts have been accepted will receive, with notice of acceptance, information about how to submit slide presentations and presenters' guidelines. AARST retains the rights to publish all slides on the AARST website or purposes of public dissemination, unless the presenter specifically withholds permission to AARST.

To submit questions about abstract submittal and related matters, contact: symposium@aarst.org

The Symposium will make every effort to schedule oral presentations for eligible submitted abstracts but reserves the right to combine presentations, designate abstracts for poster sessions, and include invited presentations to deliver a diverse and effective program.