



NATURAL CHANNELS 2018

Sustaining Connectivity: Exploring the Importance of Connectivity in Systems, Knowledge, Practice and Policy

6th Conference on Natural Channel Systems

May 23-25, 2018

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

Call for Abstracts

Message from the Organizing Program Committee

At the 6th Natural Channel Conference we will explore Sustaining Connectivity – linking knowledge through generations, practice among disciplines, policy amidst practitioners, and science across the landscape. In 2018 we will take a multidisciplinary look at natural channel systems with a widened view of cause and effect, employing the knowledge of past work with present research to connect the landscape to the channel. The conference is part of a continuum of learning and advancement of the science and practice of channel rehabilitation in Ontario.

This conference is geared to practitioners, academics, policy makers and other stakeholders from government, conservation authorities, consulting firms and environmental organizations. It will provide an avenue to discuss, share and learn new science, policy, practices and academic research. In line with the theme, we encourage all disciplines to join the conversation to make connections professionally, in knowledge, and in practice.

We are soliciting abstracts from practitioners from across Canada and beyond who can share their knowledge and innovation in order to deliver new ideas and approaches to problem solving. We welcome applications in the following conference streams:

- **Collaborative Design**
- **Communications**
- **Economics**
- **Environmental Flows**
- **Innovation**
- **Monitoring and Lessons Learned**
- **Policy and Regulations**
- **Resilience**
- **Urban Hydro-modification**



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A description and example topics for each session can be found on the conference website under “Call for Abstracts”.

We look forward to hearing from you!

You can participate in several ways, including oral presentation, posters and panel discussion. A dedicated question and answer period for a poster session will be scheduled during the wine and Cheese Social Event. As part of the submission process you will be asked to select your submission as either an oral or poster presentation. Since the number of presentations will be limited, poster sessions may be offered to oral presentation submissions.

About the Audience:

Delegates attending the Natural Channels conference will consist of public and private sectors organizations. Some of these include

- Water Resource Engineers
- Biologists
- Ecologists
- Environmental Planners
- Geomorphologists
- Environmental Engineers
- Landscape and Land Use Planning
- Contractors
- Professional Foresters
- Landscape Architects
- Project Managers

Important Dates:

Call for Abstracts Opens	Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Abstract Submission Deadline	Monday, November 13th, 2017
Abstract Acceptance Notification Date	Friday, January 12, 2018

Presentation Format:

- Aim for a Presentation of 20 – 25 minutes
- Question and Answer Period of 5 minutes



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Abstract Guidelines for Submissions:

Please review the abstract template (downloadable from website) for submission format. Below is a list of information that will be required to complete as part of the abstract submission.

- Abstract Title
- Author(s): First name, Last name, Organization name, City, Province
- Presenter(s): First name, last name, email address, phone number
- Indicate the stream the abstract fall under:
- Indicate Type of Presentation:
 - Oral presentation only
 - Poster presentation only
 - Would consider Oral or Poster presentation
- Description of your presentation (max. 300 words). May include minimal graphics / charts.
- Short biography (approx. 100 words) of presenter(s) for speaker introductory purposes

Abstract Review Notification:

All abstract submitters will be notified by email as to the acceptance status of their abstract submissions by **Monday, January 12, 2018**

Copyright Release Form:

If you are selected to present, you must complete the Presenter Intro and Copyright Release Form (PDF) by the deadline indicated on your acceptance notification. These files will be emailed to you along with the invitation to present. You should return these forms to: abstracts@naturalchannels.ca.

Presenters Terms and Conditions:

By agreeing to submit an abstract for the Natural Channels 2018 Conference, the presenter agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- The presenter will take full responsibility for the content of their abstract. Inclusion of any defamatory material or material which infringes on the intellectual property rights of a third party is not supported by the conference.
- The presenter understands that, while they retain ownership of copyright of their abstract, Natural Channels 2018 may publish and reproduce abstracts and any biographical information, provided by the presenter in the final Conference program, proceedings and on the Conference website.
- The presenter warrants that their work is factually accurate and contains no matter libelous or otherwise unlawful; that such work constitutes their own original work.
- The presenter understands they should not use their presentation as a means of selling their organization's products or services.