



IRLRI TechCon 2015

September 25-26

Sound science guiding sustainable engineering

Call For abstracts

The Indian River Lagoon Research Institute at Florida Institute of Technology Announces its first Technical Conference on the water quality solutions

The IRLRI TechCon2015 planning committee welcomes your abstracts for oral presentations and posters. The submission period is June 20th-August 20th.

The conference website is: <http://research.fit.edu/irlri/techcon/>

The IRLRI TechCon2015 committee seeks Engineers, Scientists, Contractors, and Students who are actively working and researching in the field of coastal water quality remediation and restoration to submit an abstract for a presentation. The conference is focused on adapting and applying science to guide management decisions and develop solutions aimed at improving coastal water quality.

Abstracts for Talks & Posters:

Abstracts are sought that explore the use of available science to develop and implement solutions to water quality problems in coastal communities. The conference is open to everyone, we only request that all participants register. Presenters must submit an abstract and register for the event before August 20th (not to exceed 250 words, along with title and authors via abstract submission web page).

Abstract Submission: research.fit.edu/irlri/techcon/abstract-submission.php

Conference Schedule:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

- Welcome & opening remarks : 8:00 am
- Keynote Speaker: 8:30 am
- Speakers and presentations: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Posters & Reception: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

- IRL Coastline boat tour -Van departs 9:00 am Boat tour 10:00 am-12:30 pm- - Van returns 1:30 pm
- Open House. Local scientists and organizations host tables and share information time *1:30 – 4:00 pm on FIT campus.
- Dinner & Cocktails, 6:00 pm 9:00 pm

Registration: Only **\$40.00** to register for the technical session, registration is open through August 20th. Every effort has been made to keep the costs low. All conference fees go toward refreshments and food for the participants.

- \$40.00 Conference Registration includes the conference sessions, Coffee breaks, Lunch and Drinks during the Poster session on Friday and the Dinner on Saturday evening.
- \$25.00 Excursion registration holds your place for the boat tour planned for Saturday, as well as the open house on FIT campus.

To Register visit: <https://give.fit.edu/irlri-techcon>

Questions and concerns: irlri_techcon2015@fit.edu .

Submission Guidelines:

Authors must submit their abstracts as one of the identified types:

- Standard Oral
- Tech Teaser
- Poster

The selection committee reserves the right to suggest an alternative format from that selected by the author as needed to fit the final format of the workshop.

Oral Presentations:

We are accepting abstracts for two types of oral presentation, the Standard 15 minute presentation and the 5 minute Tech Teaser.

Standard Oral Presentations: These presentations will have a 15 minute time slot with an added time for questions. Standard Oral Presentations will be grouped into themes based on the following priorities:

- Applying science to improve water quality
- Available methods (in use or in testing) for improving water quality in coastal lagoons
- Case studies: success and/or failures of improvement projects
- Future tech for lagoon restoration and remediation

Presenters will have the option of submitting a paper / report covering their presentation which will be published in a special edition of a selected journal. If no paper is submitted, the abstract will be published in the place of a paper.

Tech Teasers: These short presentations are strictly limited to 5 minutes. Presenters will be held to a *strict* time limit of 5 minutes. These talks are meant to perk the interest of the attendees, inform the group about the existence of a project and spark future conversation.

Poster presentations:

There will be a poster presentation reception which will allow the authors to discuss their work.

Poster will be grouped by topic. Maximum size is approximately 3'×5' (a size used commonly at many conferences and meetings). Posters should be printed/displayed in landscape view.