



NATURAL CHANNELS 2016

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Natural Channels 2016 Conference September 26th & 27th, 2016 Marriott Gateway, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Call for Abstracts

Message from the Organizing Program Committee

The Natural Channels Organizing Committee would like to invite prospective presenters to submit their abstracts for presentation for the September 2016 Natural Channels Conference. The Conference will be held September 26 & 27, 2016 at the Marriott Gateway, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The Natural Channels Conference is intended to explore the science and application of Natural Channel and stream corridor rehabilitation. Our understanding of the importance, complexity, and interconnectedness of watercourses as and their relationship with biological and ecological processes continues to evolve, leading to a growing emphasis on protecting Canada's green infrastructure. The conference is part of a continuum of learning and advancement of the science and practice of channel rehabilitation in Ontario. This began in Ontario in the early 1990s and evolving in the USA, UK, Europe, Australia and elsewhere over the last 25-30 years. It seeks to further explore innovations in science in an effort to better understand the importance of streams and their corridors to the health of watersheds.

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:

- **Current Science and Understanding**
- **Applied River Management and Rehabilitation**
- **Governance, Asset Management and Education**
- **What We Have Learned / Knowledge Sharing**

Example topics under each stream can be found on the conference website under "Call for Abstracts". Please indicate which of the following presentation and publication formats you would prefer.

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 is scheduled on Monday 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.



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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
- Resource/Fisheries
- Environmental Planners
- Geomorphologists
- Environmental Engineers
- Landscape and Land Use Planning
- Contractors
- Professional Foresters

Important Dates:

Call for Abstracts Opens	Tuesday, February 2, 2016
Abstract Submission Deadline	Friday, April 1, 2016 (previously Friday, March 11, 2016)
Abstract Acceptance Notification Date	Friday, April 29, 2016

Presentation Format:

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

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: First name, last name, email address, phone number
- Indicate the stream the abstract fall under:
 - Current Science and Understanding
 - Applied River Management and Rehabilitation
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- Intended audience (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)



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- Indicate Type of Presentation:
 - Oral presentation only
 - Poster presentation only
 - Would consider Oral or Poster presentation
- Interest in providing a Full Paper for the Conference Proceedings Journal (deadline for full paper submission is August 31, 2016)
- Description of your presentation (max. 300 words). May include minimal graphics / charts.

Abstract Review Notification:

All abstract submitters will be notified by email as to the acceptance status of their abstract submissions by **Friday, April 29th, 2016**.

Presenter Biography and 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 return these forms to: abstracts@naturalchannels.ca.

Presenters Terms and Conditions:

By agreeing to submit an abstract for the Natural Channels 2016 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 2016 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.