



CALL for PAPERS, POSTERS, and FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS

The 2012 meeting of Bird Strike Committee–USA will be held 13-16 August 2012 in Memphis, Tennessee. (See www.birdstrike.org for details). The conference theme is “**Beyond the Fence: Operations and Off-airport Hazards**”. Presentations (papers and posters) are being solicited regarding biological, engineering, environmental, training, management or policy issues related to wildlife, aircraft, and airports. Abstracts of all accepted presentations will be printed in the program. For authors who grant permission, written papers and power-point presentations will be posted as pdf files on the website. Presenters also may distribute copies of their paper at the conference if they desire. Demonstrations of control techniques, products and other activities can be presented by registered exhibitors during the field trip to the airport.

Guidelines

Authors/presenters should send the title and abstract (≤ 300 words) of their paper or poster with the authors' names and addresses to the Technical Program Committee (see below). **Deadline for submission is 16 April 2012**. Titles received *after* this date may not be considered. Authors will be notified regarding acceptance by 8 June 2012. Use the following example as a format:

THE BIRDSTRIKE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DNA SAMPLING

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Abstract. The U.S. Air Force (USAF) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have supported a free-of-charge bird strike identification program at the Smithsonian Institution for many years. Approximately 50% of the bird strike cases received are identified to species....

Abstracts should be mailed, faxed or e-mailed (preferred) to:

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Preparing the abstract

A good abstract should briefly tell: (1) what problem you studied or addressed, and why; (2) how you did the investigation; (3) what you found out; and (4) what your results mean. Focus on the most important findings, positive or negative. Be quantitative and descriptive (e.g., body densities averaged 11-29% higher for starlings than for 3 species of gulls) as opposed to indicative (e.g., gulls and starlings had different body densities). Make the title descriptive of the main topic but concise (≤ 15 words). Limit the abstract to ≤ 300 words.