

Global Partnership for PLANT CONSERVATION 2018

Abstract submission

Congress and Symposium Language: English
Abstract Submission Deadline: 31 May 2018

- 25 April 2018:** Paper/workshop submission is open.
30 June 2018: Abstract notification of acceptance/rejection.
The notification of acceptance/rejection of the abstracts submitted will be sent to you via email.
30 June 2018: Draft program established.

Call for presentations and contributions to the GPPC Conference programme

On behalf of the scientific committee of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation 2018 Conference, we are pleased to announce the call for papers, symposia and expert workshops. If you would like to take part in this major event on plant conservation and contribute to the scientific program with an oral presentation or a poster, we encourage you to submit your proposal. The deadline for abstract submissions is 31 May 2018.

To ensure the high quality of presentations, we welcome submissions of oral and poster presentations related to the conference objectives outlined on the following pages.



Conference objectives will include:

- Showcasing examples and sharing experiences on GSPC implementation.
- Providing guidance and support for national and regional GSPC implementation entering into the new phase.
- Helping to build leadership amongst the participating organisations for monitoring and delivery of the GSPC targets.
- Developing and considering scenarios and priorities for the GSPC in the period beyond 2020 and the ways in which it will contribute to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to consider the ways in which they can contribute to national CBD reporting processes and inclusion of plant conservation in reviews of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). The meeting will also help efforts made to build on and evaluate progress in implementing the GSPC and how these experiences can support enhanced implementation over the coming decade.

Expert Workshops

The development of the GSPC up to and beyond 2020 will be reviewed during a series of expert workshops. Topics will include:

- Evaluation of the current GSPC targets and consideration of revised objectives and targets for the post-2020 period.
- Further alignment of the GSPC with developing scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, including indicators adopted for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Review of opportunities to raise awareness of the importance of the GSPC and broaden its support base at all levels.
- Capacity building and measures to facilitate GSPC delivery, including supporting the work of GSPC national focal points and mainstreaming the GSPC into NBSAPs.
- Ways and means to facilitate reporting on GSPC progress at national and international levels, highlighting the contributions of the GSPC to the achievement of national biodiversity conservation targets and the Aichi Targets.
- Identification of case studies illustrating GSPC implementation and achievements and consideration of possible contributions for Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 (GBO-5).

Proposals for the development of structured workshops addressing these themes will be welcomed.

- A special session will be held on Plant Conservation and Economics to explore issues relating to forestry, agriculture and other aspects of plants and sustainable development.

Language

The language of the conference is English.

Oral presentations

Each presentation will last 15 minutes. You will be informed of the schedule of your presentation about a month before the event.

Poster presentations

Poster presentations will also be accepted. Abstracts for these are also welcomed.

Abstract acceptance

The Scientific Committee will announce the official results of the selection process by [30 June 2018].

General requirements for Abstracts

Abstracts must be relevant to the themes of the conference. Oral and poster presentations are welcome in English. There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual, organisation or institution. All participants must register for the Conference and are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses.

Format of submissions

Abstracts should be submitted in MS Word and must include:

- The title of the proposed paper/symposium/workshop.
- An abstract (300–500 words).
- Keywords.
- A short biography (100–150 words).
- Name and affiliation of the author(s).
- Postal address and country of the main author.
- Email address of the main author.

Proposals and abstracts should be sent to: kathy.farris@mobot.org.

