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Instructions for submitting an abstract

You are invited to submit an abstract before December 15th. **Acknowledgment of receipt will be sent automatically. If you do not receive any acknowledgment, please contact us again.**

For talks, a maximum of two abstracts will be accepted for each speaker. All authors of accepted abstracts must register and be paid in full by the early registration deadline (currently February 2018). Authors failing to comply with this rule will not be included in the Conference Programme.

Oral (spoken) presentations will be limited to 20 minutes: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Contributed oral presentations will be grouped by topic. If your abstract is accepted but cannot be accommodated as an oral presentation, we may offer you the opportunity to present a poster. All oral presentation rooms will be equipped with a computer and a data projector.

Poster presenters will receive general instructions on poster format once the abstract is accepted. Detailed information and instructions on presentations at the meeting will be available to presenters several months before the meeting.

Proposals must contain the following information:

Talk or poster presentation?	Talk
Language of the presentation	English
Title of the presentation (limited to 150 characters including spaces)	<i>Gatekeeper and Midwife: Reconceiving the Role and Responsibilities of Scientific Journals to End the Crisis in Publication of Substandard Systematic Reviews</i>
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Abstract (limited to 150 words)	Systematic reviews are increasingly prevalent in the environmental health literature, driven by perception of the methodology as being a gold-standard in research. Unfortunately, the explosion in number of SRs has not been accompanied by adequate quality management measures in academic journals; consequently, most published SRs are in fact of very poor quality. Here we present the "gatekeeper and midwife" quality management strategy for SRs published in <i>Environment International</i> (IF 7.088). The strategy is based on fundamental reconceptualization of the role of the journal as a facilitator rather than mere publisher of high quality SRs. Through careful communication and enforcement of clear standards, maximising the number and value of interaction points throughout the manuscript handling process, and creating opportunities

	to intervene in the early planning stages of a project, we have transformed the quality of SRs we publish. We recommend other journals also adopt this strategy.
Required support for French/English translation (for talks)	I am a native English speaker and cannot personally present in French.

Instructions pour soumettre un résumé

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Nous acceptons au maximum deux communications orales par intervenant. Tous les auteurs dont les résumés seront acceptés devront s'inscrire au congrès et avoir payé leur inscription dans sa totalité avant la date limite des inscriptions (février 2018). Si ce n'était pas le cas les organisateurs se réservent la possibilité de ne pas inclure ces communications dans le programme de la Conférence.

Le résumé pour une communication orale ou un poster doit comporter les informations suivantes :

Présentation orale ou poster ?	
Langue de la présentation	
Titre de la présentation (limité à 150 caractères, espaces compris)	
Nom de l' auteur	
• affiliation	
• informations complètes de contact	
• adresse e-mail	
Abstract (limité à 150 mots)	

Aide souhaitée pour une traduction simultanée Français/Anglais (présentations orales uniquement)	