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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?	<b>Talk</b>
Language of the presentation	<b>English</b>
Title of the presentation (limited to 150 characters including spaces)	<b>Evolution not Revolution: Maximising the Value of Peer-Review in Assuring Publication of High Quality Systematic Reviews</b>
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Abstract (limited to 150 words)	The value of peer-review in contributing to the quality of research manuscripts published by scientific journals has come under increasing scrutiny in recent years. Here it is argued that it is not the concept of peer-review <i>per se</i> which is resulting in publication of substandard research, but rather the choices made by journals in how they implement and operationalise peer-review which are responsible for its apparent lack of effectiveness as a quality control mechanism. Changes to peer-review processes for systematic reviews at the journal <i>Environment International</i> are presented, with a focus on the development and planned introduction of a formal web-based peer-review facilitation tool. The journal's objective is to ensure comprehensive, consistent and exacting peer-review of all submitted systematic reviews, to be achieved

	via incremental change and refinement which builds on the strengths of existing peer-review processes instead of requiring wholesale change or systemic revolution.
Required support for French/English translation (for talks)	

### Instructions pour soumettre un résumé

Nous vous invitons à proposer un résumé en vue d'une communication orale ou d'un poster, avant le 15 décembre 2017. **Un accusé de réception sera envoyé automatiquement. Si ce n'était pas le cas, merci de nous contacter par courriel.**

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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• affiliation</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• informations complètes de contact</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adresse e-mail</li> </ul>	
Abstract (limité à 150 mots)	

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