Tips for writing a good conference abstract

A well-written conference abstract should capture the Program Committee's interest, share some key messages about what you have done and why it matters, and be clearly aligned to the theme of the conference.

It is good to keep things short and sharp, and write clearly for a broad audience. The following tips may help.

Explore the theme of the conference

Start by familiarising yourself with the conference theme and supporting topics, and consider how your work contributes. The Program Committee will assess whether your abstract is suitable for the conference program based on its relevance the overall theme.

Key elements

An abstract should cover the following points:

- Craft a clear and compelling title: A title that reflects the main theme of your work.
- What your presentation or poster is about: Provide a brief background on the topic, highlighting its significance or relevance.
- Why it is important: Clearly state the objective or purpose of your work. What question are addressing? What problem are you solving? What outcome are you working towards? Why does that matter?
- How you did it and who was involved: Provide a brief outline of the methods or approaches you used in your work, and who partnered or participated.
- What you found: Summarise of the key results or findings, focusing on the most important and impactful outcomes.
- Why your findings are important: Discuss the implications of your findings and their relevance to the bigger picture. What contribution does your work make and what happens now?

Be concise and clear

Keep your abstract succinct and focused. Aim for clarity and avoid unnecessary acronyms and jargon. Ensure that anyone reading would be able to understand the essence of your work.

Proofread and revise

Before submitting, carefully proofread your abstract for grammatical errors, clarity, and coherence. Consider seeking feedback from colleagues or mentors to ensure your abstract is polished and effectively communicates your