

International Institute for Forensic & Security Studies **India**

First International Conference on Maritime and Marine Crime **Investigations: Forensics at Sea** **10th to 12th December 2021**



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee for this Conference is pleased to invite authors to submit their abstracts for E-poster/oral presentations, to be delivered at the *First International Conference on Maritime and Marine Crime Investigations: Forensics at Sea*. and/or related full papers/articles concerning the abstract. The thematic areas list & the deadlines provided below set out the key points for your attention.

The Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for original contributions to the field of Maritime & Marine Crime Investigations, in the following *thematic* areas*:

- i. Underwater Crime Scene Investigation [including, Underwater Photography & Videography]
- ii. Maritime Forensics [including, Maritime Cyber Security]
- iii. Maritime Crime [including, Piracy, Illegal Trade, Smuggling, Human Trafficking at Sea]
- iv. Marine Crime [including, illegal killing of Endangered Species of Marine life; fishes, mammals, etc., and, illegal selling of parts of Exotic Animals & Plants]
- v. Marine / Underwater Forensics [including Medicolegal Death Investigation & DVI]
- vi. Maritime Security & Terrorism [including, Port/Coastal Security]
- vii. Marine Environment [including, Marine Pollution, Oil Spills, Garbage, Microplastic & Other Environmental Hazards at Sea]
- viii. Arson & Fire at Sea
- ix. Shipwrecks & Other Accidents at Sea
- x. Artificial / Manmade & Natural Disasters at Sea
- xi. Maritime Laws [including, Maritime Tax Evasion]
- xii. Environmental (Marine) Laws [including, CITES Enforcement]
- xiii. Deep Sea Resource Exploitation [including, Underwater Illegal Mining]
- xiv. Marine Life Conservation Issues [including, Coral Reef Conservation & Management]
- xv. Marine Resource Management [including, Efficient Use of Marine Resources & Sustainable Development]

(*All abstract authors are requested to choose the closest relevant *thematic area* for their submissions).

Important Dates:

- i. **Opening Date for Abstract Submissions: Monday - September 27, 2021**
- ii. **Early Deadline for Abstract Submissions: Monday - October 25, 2021**
- iii. **Final Deadline for all Abstract Submissions: Monday - November 01, 2021**
- iv. **Notification regarding Acceptance of Abstract: Friday - November 12, 2021**
- v. **Deadline for Withdrawal from Abstract/Full Article Publication and Poster Presentation: Friday – November 19, 2021**
- vi. **Deadline for Submission of Final Copy of E-Poster & Full Article: Monday – November 29, 2021**

Abstract Structure:

- **Title of Talk / Presentation / Paper:** Please choose a brief title (maximum of 100 characters) that clearly indicates the content of the contribution. *Please avoid abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when first used.*
- **Thematic Area:** Please choose one of the thematic areas listed above when planning your abstract.
- **General Summary:** Kindly ensure that your abstract contains No more than 300 words. *Please avoid diagrams, illustrations, tables, references or graphics in the abstract. Provide maximum relevant information in the abstract. Please ensure that the abstract does not contain spelling, grammar or scientific notation errors in order to avoid such errors being reproduced in the Conference publications.*
- **Authors:** Must include Names, Highest Educational Qualification obtained, and Current Designation & Institution/Organization information about all authors of the abstract.
- **Keywords:** Please indicate 5-6 keywords for your abstract.
- **Abstract content must meet the following Writing Guidelines:**

The Abstract must be written in *English language only*. The outline must have: an Introduction, a Main Body and a Conclusion. The abstract must not be *more than 300 words* and must be based on an original work. IIFSS-FICMMCI-2021 Scientific Committee will evaluate the content of each abstract and make the final selection.

- A. *The Introduction* - It should introduce the central idea or the main purpose of the chosen topic, including a few general statements about the subject to provide a background to your abstract and to attract the reader's attention. It should try to explain why you are writing the abstract. It should also include a statement of the specific subdivisions of the topic and/or indication of how the topic is going to be tackled in order to specifically address the question.
- B. *The Main Body* - The main body consists of a few lines about the ideas and arguments, together with illustrations and/or examples developing a subdivision of the main topic. *The purpose of the abstract must be made clear and the reader must be able to follow its development.*
- C. *The Conclusion* - The conclusion includes the writer's final points. It should recall the issues raised in the introduction and draw together the points made in the main body

and explain the overall significance of the topic. What general points can be drawn from the abstract as a whole? It should clearly signal to the reader that the abstract is finished and leave a clear impression that the Purpose of the abstract has been achieved.

- **Formatting Guidelines for Submitting your Abstract:**
 - i. **File Format/Type:** Abstract files will be accepted in **PDF Format Only**.
 - ii. **Page Size/Setup:** As an Abstract presenter you are asked to prepare **One A4 Page size (Normal Page Margins)** of Not More than **300 words** to be published in the conference proceedings. Use of Header / Footer, Headings / Sub-Headings are not required when writing an Abstract
 - iii. **Font Size:** The font size should be between 10-12 point only
 - iv. **Font Type:** Arial or Times New Roman

Important Instructions:

- There is **NO Fee** towards Abstract Submission.
- Abstracts for e-Posters may be submitted only electronically via email to: info@iifs-studies.in with a Cc marked to: iifss.india@gmail.com
- If English is not the Author's first language, we recommend that the abstract is checked by somebody who is fluent in English Language prior to submission.
- The Authors are solely responsible for the ethical and scientific content of the submission as well as for its proper grammatical and stylistic form.
- Plagiarism in any form would make your Abstract liable to rejection.
- All Authors are expected to submit Full Papers of NO more than 4000-5000 words or articles of NO more than 2000-2500 words related to their abstract and/or poster by the given deadline for publication into conference proceedings & abstract book. Full article submission guidelines would be shared with all selected abstract authors.
- Deadline for Abstract Submission:
Early Deadline for Abstract Submission is **Monday - October 25, 2021**.
Final Deadline for Abstract Submissions is now extended to **Monday - November 01, 2021**.
No abstracts would be accepted after the final deadline.
- Notification of Acceptance:
The organizers will inform the submitter about acceptance of his/her submitted work through email notification by **Friday - November 12, 2021**.
Please Note: The scientific & organizing committee for the conference reserves the right-at its sole discretion-to reject/decline any abstract deemed inappropriate for any reasons whatsoever.
- E-Poster & Full Paper/Article Submission Guidelines & Deadline: E-poster and Full Paper/Article Submission Guidelines for presenters would be provided to submitters of selected abstracts. The Deadline to submit a copy of E-Poster and/or Full Paper/Article for our records and publication in conference proceedings & abstract book is: **Monday – November 29, 2021**.

- Withdrawal from Presentation / Abstract / Full Article Publication:

For any withdrawals from making a presentation and/or publication of a selected abstract/full article/poster, the presenter should notify the Chairperson of Scientific Committee in writing via email to: info@iifs-studies.in, and, iifss.india@gmail.com; prior to final E-Poster Submission, until the permitted withdrawal deadline of **Friday – November 19, 2021** after which NO withdrawals would be permitted.

Need Help with the Abstracts? *If you have any questions regarding the submission criteria, technical details, thematic areas, etc. or questions about the First International Conference on Maritime & Marine Crime Investigations: Forensics at Sea, please contact the Conference Organizers at IIFSS, India via email to: info@iifs-studies.in or iifss.india@gmail.com. While IIFSS/Conference staff is working remotely, we are available for any help/support via email from Monday through Friday, 10:30 Am to 6:30 Pm India Standard Time.*