

# Call for Presentations



**IGC**  
International  
Grassland Congress  
KENTUCKY, USA 2023



The Organizing Committee of the XXV International Grassland Congress invites submissions for volunteer oral, posters, and thematic sessions to be presented at this global conference, to be held in Kentucky, U.S. from May 14-19, 2023. The congress provides a platform to share cutting edge science and practices in management of the planet's grasslands, interact with researchers from over 80 countries, and offer participants the opportunity to see grasslands from across the United States through pre- and post-Congress tours.



# Congress Themes

The theme of the conference is Grassland for Soil, Animal & Human Health. Keynote addresses, oral papers and posters presented at the conference will be organized around five sub-themes.

## Sub-Theme 1: Grassland Ecology

- 1.1. Ecological site description and ecosystem classification
- 1.2. Role of grasslands in global food systems and ecology
- 1.3. Biodiversity and ecosystem services of grasslands
- 1.4. Grassland and livestock management for soil, water, watershed management, water supply, water quality and riparian health
- 1.5. Shrub encroachment, fire ecology, invasive species and pest management
- 1.6. Monitoring of grassland resources
- 1.7. Carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emissions, and related grasslands
- 1.8. Soil health management
- 1.9. Climate change and grasslands

## Sub-Theme 2: Grassland Production & Utilization

- 2.1. Genetic resources and forage breeding
- 2.2. Botanical composition and forage management
- 2.3. Annual forages as restoration bridge
- 2.4. Conserved forage management practices
- 2.5. Challenges for sustainability of high-intensity grasslands, sown pastures and turf
- 2.6. Seed science and production systems. Examples: seed production technology, development, utilization, management, marketing, and economics
- 2.7. Forage nutritive value and impacts on animal product quality and utilization
- 2.8. Economics of grassland production systems

## Sub-Theme 3: Livestock Production Systems

- 3.1. Role of ruminant animal agriculture in global food systems
- 3.2. Grazing management and animal nutrition
- 3.3. Management of multiple-species grazing systems
- 3.4. Intensive production systems (including small-holder dairy systems in tropics and subtropics)
- 3.5. Integrated systems (silvopasture and integrated crop-livestock systems)
- 3.6. Rangeland management systems
- 3.7. Small ruminant systems
- 3.8. Equine management systems
- 3.9. Animal health and stewardship in forage management systems
- 3.10. Animal genetics for utilizing grasslands

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## Sub-Theme 4: Grassland Sustainability, Innovations & Initiatives

- 4.1. Grasslands in regenerative agriculture
- 4.2. Emerging trends and issues in grassland science and education
- 4.3. Extension and technology-transfer
- 4.4. Green energy and information communication technologies applications
- 4.5. Grasslands as local, regional and global food baskets and economic drivers
- 4.6. Participatory approaches and innovations in the management of grasslands
- 4.7. Managing grasslands for wildlife, conservation and ecotourism
- 4.8. Digital technology use and applications in grasslands
- 4.9. Training the next generation of grassland scientists and enthusiasts
- 4.10. Grasslands of the future - needs, technologies, ecology, economics and management

## Sub-Theme 5: Grassland Policies, Social Issues & Ecosystem Services

- 5.1. Cultural heritage and indigenous technical knowledge of grasslands
- 5.2. Governance, land rights and changes to pastoral systems
- 5.3. Social justice, gender and equity issues in grasslands
- 5.4. Marketing infrastructure and systems in grasslands
- 5.5. Policy issues for grassland development
- 5.6. Political instability and extremism: its impact on grassland management
- 5.7. Increasing youth/young adult involvement in grassland management
- 5.8. Grassland revolution – changing the perception of grasslands
- 5.9. Ruminant animal products in human health and nutrition
- 5.10. Experiences of practitioners in direct or niche marketing

**For submission forms, please visit:**

**<https://www.internationalgrasslands.org/igc-2023>**

# Submission Guidelines

## Submit a Volunteer Oral or Poster Presentation

Submission of volunteer oral or poster presentations is to be done through the congress [website](#).

1. Navigate to the [site](#).
2. If you have already created an account on this site login, then jump to Step 5. Otherwise, click “Submit Presentations”.
3. This will take you to the login page. If you have not yet created an account, click “create one now.” Enter your personal information, including email address and your chosen password, then click “Create Account”.
4. This will log you in to the congress site and take you to your dashboard. Click “My Presentations.”
5. Click the green “Submit Presentation” button. This will open a page where you will input your title, authors, a short summary, and the appropriate subtheme.
6. After you have entered all the required information, click “Submit” at the bottom of the page. You will receive an automated email notification of the submission.

Submissions for volunteer and poster presentations will close on July 15, 2022. Submissions will not be accepted after the closing date/time.

## Submit a Thematic Session Proposal

Most oral presentations at the congress will be organized into concurrent sessions by the conference organizers. However, proposals for thematic sessions made up of a collection of related oral presentations are encouraged. Only a limited number of such thematic sessions will be accepted. Authors in an accepted thematic session will be responsible for their own conference registration, lodging, and travel costs. **Thematic session proposals are due by June 1, 2022.**

Proposals for thematic sessions should include **a summary of maximum of 500 words** describing the overall focus of the panel session, and **a list of titles and authors of oral presentations to be included** in the thematic session. Thematic sessions at the congress will be 120 minutes long. Proposed thematic sessions **should include six oral presentations**. Each presentation will be allocated 20 minutes including questions.

You will be asked to identify under which conference sub-theme the proposed thematic session best fits, and to enter details of the individual oral presentations to be included in the session including title, presenting author, and presenting author’s email address. Each presenting author will be expected to provide a paper for the proceedings. Use the the same submission guidelines listed above, but click on “Submit Thematic Session.”

**Only one (1) proposed thematic session will be accepted from any individual.**

Proposals for thematic sessions will be peer-reviewed by the program committee, and only a limited number of proposals will be accepted. If your thematic session proposal is not accepted each author will be encouraged to submit a volunteer oral or poster presentation.

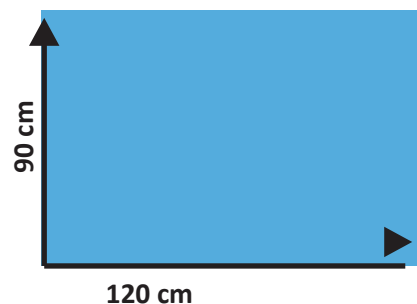
Once a thematic session has been accepted, the authors of each presentation will be required to submit a full paper. The papers belonging to a proposed session will be reviewed independently.

## Presentation Submission Guidelines: Volunteer Oral Papers and Posters

**A maximum of two (2) papers/posters** will be accepted from any one corresponding author. For both contributed oral papers and posters, authors should submit a title and short summary. However, authors can be included in more than two submissions if they are not the corresponding author in additional submissions. Authors will be asked to identify whether they prefer to present an oral presentation or a poster, and to identify the most appropriate congress sub-theme.

Contributed oral papers will be presented in the concurrent sessions. Each presentation is expected to be **no more than 12 minutes long and 3 minutes for questions**.

Posters will be presented in dedicated poster sessions at the congress. The posters **should not exceed 90 cm vertical x 120 cm horizontal (36" x 48")**. Cost of printing posters is to be borne by the authors; the congress organizing committee will not reimburse the cost of printing posters.



As it is likely that the number of volunteer oral presentations submissions will exceed the number of available slots, some oral presentations will be asked to give a poster presentation.

## Full Paper Submission and Review Process

Authors of oral and poster presentations will be required to submit a written paper in English (minimum of 3 pages and maximum of 4 pages which includes an abstract ) to be included in the congress proceedings. The deadline for submitting the full paper is September 15, 2022. Papers will be peer-reviewed by experts for grammar, word choice, and scientific validity.

Authors of oral presentations and posters must register for the congress no later than February 1, 2023. Authors who have not registered by this date will have their oral presentation/poster removed from the program.

Paper submission for volunteer oral and poster presenters and for individual presenters within each thematic session will be ongoing and authors will receive reviewer comments typically within four months of submission and no later than November 15, 2022.

Guidelines for formatting papers and an example paper are available on the [congress website](#). As mentioned above, costs of printing posters will be borne by the author(s); the congress organizing committee will not reimburse the cost of printing posters.