**Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health Conference**

November 27-29, 2018

Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Abstract Submission Process**

Abstracts will be accepted through Sunday, June 3, 2018 for all rural and agricultural health and safety research, surveillance, education, outreach, and intervention presentations wishing to be presented at the 2018 Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health (MRASH) Conference to be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa on November 27-29, 2018. ***Poster abstracts will be accepted through Thursday, November 1***. Please note that the conference date is the week following Thanksgiving this year. Concurrent Break-out Sessions of the accepted abstracts will be held the afternoon of November 28.

**Abstracts focusing on emerging issues and Research to Practice (r2p) activities are highly encouraged.**

Abstracts should be submitted in English on the abstract form below. The abstract should be a short summary of a research, surveillance, education, outreach or intervention project. ***Submissions must be submitted online via the conference webpage at*** [***MRASH 2018***](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9M6T1RtDdb4ci0t) ***or emailed as a Word document to***

***MRASH-abstracts@uiowa.edu .* Please save this file as (presenter’s last name)-abstract.doc or .docx .** Questions? Contact gayle-olson [@uiowa.edu](file:///C:\Users\J&G%20Olson%20Farms\AppData\Local\Temp\gayle-olson@uiowa.edu).

**Presentation Formats**

* Oral Presentation – not to exceed 20 minutes, plus 10 minutes for questions & answers.
* Round Table Presentation – 3 to 5 presenters around a theme or topic, 30 min presentation time and 30 min interaction with attendees for a total time of 1 hour. Abstract must include a summary of the overall topic, the list of presenters and a short description of each of their presentations.
* NEW! Flashtalk – 5 minute presentation with no more than 20 automatically advancing slides. These will be scheduled during the poster reception.
* Poster (to fit on a 36”x48” display board)

**Timeline**

Call for abstracts open April 2, 2018

Call for abstracts close June 3, 2018

Authors notified on accepted submissions June 22, 2018

MRASH 2018 Pre-Conference Workshop November 27

MRASH 2018 Conference November 28-29, 2018

**Abstract Submission Guidelines**

* The person listed as submitting the abstract will receive an acknowledgement of receipt via email.
* Further communication will be with the submitting author only unless otherwise directed.
* Please indicate which format you wish your abstract to be considered and notice any special instructions for each format. It will be the discretion of the selection committee to select the abstracts to be presented in each of the format. In some cases, the presenter may be asked to switch to a different format. It will be the presenter’s prerogative whether or not to make such a switch.
* Please limit the actual abstract summary to 200 words.
* Poster abstracts may be accepted after the June 3 deadline, pending availability of space.
* Please note that information given on the abstract submission will be used to create the conference program. Please notify Gayle Olson ([gayle-olson@uiowa.edu](mailto:gayle-olson@uiowa.edu)) of any changes or corrections to be made.

**Learning Objective**

A Learning Objective must be included in the abstract. A good learning objective will describe what the session participants will be able to know or do following the session and should be measurable. One learning objective is sufficient.

Some Examples:

* Participants will be able to list 3 characteristics of effective safety communication.
* Participants will be able to give examples that define the phrase “secondary prevention”.
* Participants will be able to demonstrate correctly inserting ear plugs to protect hearing.

**Acceptance Notification and Requirements**

* Following the review of abstracts, authors will be notified via email of their presentation, roundtable or poster acceptance no later than June 22, 2018.
* The author must register and attend the conference to present the submission either orally or by poster presentation.

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[**mrash-abstracts@uiowa.edu**](mailto:mrash-abstracts@uiowa.edu) by **June 3, 2018. *Poster abstracts will be accepted through November 1***

**Preference for presentation type**\*

❑ Oral presentation, 20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes question & answers

❑ Round Table Discussion, 30 min presentation with 3-5 presenters and 30 minutes discussion

❑ Flashtalk, 5 minute presentation with automatically advancing timed slides

❑ Poster, to fit on a 36”x48” display board

**Title**

**Primary presenter's name, credentials, affiliation (Ex. John Doe, PhD, University of Hard Knocks)\***

**Primary presenter's street address**

**Street Address Line 2 (if needed)**

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| **City** | **State / Province / Region** |
| **ZIP / Postal Code** | **Country** |
| **Primary presenter's phone** | **Primary presenter's email** |

**Additional authors' name, credentials and affiliations:**

**Learning objective** (only one objective is necessary)

**Abstract** (200 words or less)

**Bio:**  Please provide a brief (2-3 sentences) bio for the presenter.  For round table discussions, provide a bio for each presenter in the round table.

**List audio/visual requirements for your presentation\*** (Check all that apply)

❑ LCD Projector/Laptop

❑ Flip chart or whiteboard & markers

❑ None

❑ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Top of Form

**Any notes or special considerations:**

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