

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

## Virtual Conference | September 21-30, 2021 Hosted by the ICOET Steering Committee

ICOET is *the* forum for practitioners and scientists in transportation ecology and related disciplines engaged in governmental, academic, nonprofit, and private sectors. ICOET presentations highlight project planning or implementation activities, research findings, emerging issues, or best practices related to the interface between transportation, other linear infrastructure types, communities, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

ICOET 2021 will be conducted virtually, due to the continuing impacts of COVID-19 around the world. These unprecedented circumstances, however, offer us an exciting opportunity to bring together colleagues from more nations than ever before, promising to make this year's conference the most international ICOET yet! We formally invite you to join us and celebrate your recent endeavors in transportation ecology.

## Abstract Submission Deadline - April 23, 2021

Professionals, academics and students are encouraged to submit abstracts and proposals for the following presentation formats. Your proposed presentation should align with the ICOET 2021 theme and topic areas posted at <a href="https://icoet.net/2021/theme">https://icoet.net/2021/theme</a>. Please note that the virtual format and inclusion of global audiences means that each day of presentations will be shorter than usual. This means the available panels and workshops slots will be much more limited than in 2019. We still expect to have the same number of podium talks.

- 1) Podium Podium presentations will be pre-recorded, 15-minute lectures organized in sessions according to themes. The recordings will be live-streamed at scheduled times and followed by a live, 30-minute moderated Q&A with attendees and group discussion featuring all presenters from the session. ICOET organizing staff with the University of California Davis will assist presenters with production of their recordings to ensure format consistency. Podium sessions may be organized and podium talks proposed as a group (see below). In this case, each podium abstract will be still be reviewed. Submit your podium presentation abstract here: <a href="https://forms.gle/LyGHMx61XQWZkXycA">https://forms.gle/LyGHMx61XQWZkXycA</a>.
- 2) **Multimedia** In lieu of our traditional Lightning Talks and Poster sessions, Multimedia presentations will be pre-recorded, 5-minute talks posted for on-demand viewing and convenient for all time zones during the conference dates. Multimedia presentations will be grouped by theme, and groups of presenters will be scheduled in live sessions for the opportunity to answer questions from attendees in a moderated discussion. Multimedia presenters are encouraged to be creative in their approach feel free to go beyond slides and narration to include innovative ways to relay your work (e.g. videos, story maps). Submit your podium presentation abstract here: https://forms.gle/LyGHMx61XQWZkXycA.

- 3) Organized Session Proposals for complete, 90-minute Panel Sessions or Organized Podium Sessions are invited. Your session should be organized around a central theme with presentations and discussion aligned with the conference theme and relevant topic areas. Your session proposal should describe your central theme; its various issues and perspectives to be addressed; a list of presenter names, their respective titles and organizations; and an outline of the session agenda. A) Panels: Panelists should represent multiple disciplines and varied professional perspectives on the theme. Presentations by each panelist will be pre-recorded and brief (approx. 5-minutes each) to orient the audience to the central theme. The recordings will be live-streamed at the session's scheduled time and followed by a live, moderated panel discussion of approximately 45 minutes. Panelists will be asked to address questions from attendees submitted to the panel organizer in advance of the scheduled session as well as take questions live from the audience. B) Organized Podium: An organized session of podium talk includes 4 or 5 podium talks around a theme. The organizer submits a separate proposal for an organized technical session and must include a list of standard questions each presenter will address. Individual presentation and abstract requirements are the same as for Podium talks and must be submitted separately. Submit your panel proposal and abstract here: https://forms.gle/z5pr627bfDgGL3pG6.
- 4) Workshop Program space for 1 or 2 workshops, total, will be available for ICOET 2021. Creative proposals for 45 or 90-minute, interactive workshops are invited. Considering the limitations for engagement posed by a virtual format, your workshop proposal should be detailed in its description of instructional goals and methods. Logistical details of any accepted workshops will be the responsibility of the individual or group proposing. Submit your workshop proposal and abstract here: <a href="https://forms.gle/z5pr627bfDgGL3pG6">https://forms.gle/z5pr627bfDgGL3pG6</a>.
- 5) **Field Trip** The virtual platform provides a unique opportunity to take ICOET attendees to many project and research field sites around the globe. Creative and engaging field trip video proposals are invited. Virtual field trips will be pre-recorded and streamed live at a scheduled session time followed by a live, interactive and facilitated Q&A. The proposed video or live field-session should not exceed 60 minutes including the recorded presentation (~30 minutes) and time for Q&A. The recorded presentation also will be posted for on-demand viewing so should include its own narration. Submit your field trip proposal and abstract here: <a href="https://forms.gle/z5pr627bfDgGL3pG6">https://forms.gle/z5pr627bfDgGL3pG6</a>.

Submit your abstracts and proposals at <a href="https://icoet.net">https://icoet.net</a>. We encourage you to be strategic in selecting your presentation topics based on their novelty and relevance to the conference and session themes.

Please share this announcement with all interested persons in your network. Plan now to attend ICOET 2021 and share your current research, quality applications, and best practices that can enhance both the project development process and the ecological sustainability of all transportation modes. We especially look forward to abstract submissions from newcomers to ICOET, therefore we will only accept up to three (3) presentations from any one presenter, with the exception of Multimedia presentations.

ICOET is organized by the Road Ecology Center, with the assistance and support of the National Center for Sustainable Transportation and the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis, USA. The conference is supported by the US DOT Federal Highway Administration and many governmental agencies, universities, nongovernmental organizations, and corporate partners.

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