



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS, SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS

The USCC's Annual Conference and Tradeshow is the premiere professional meeting for composting, organics recycling, and related topics. The Conference routinely attracts approximately 1000 attendees working directly in the fields of compost manufacturing and organics recycling, guaranteeing speakers outstanding professional exposure. Proposed presentations should include information directly relevant to compost manufacturing and related professions.

Submission Due Date: June 30, 2017

Abstracts are encouraged on topics in each of these areas. Bullets are for examples.

The Business of Composting

- Funding mechanisms
- Public/private partnerships
- Employee training and retention programs
- Business models

Greening Events and Venues

- Innovative Collection Systems
- Overcoming challenges
- Turf and sports field applications

Compostables Symposium

- Changes to standards
- New resins and products
- Operational impacts
- Field testing

Community Composting Forum

- Success stories
- Program evaluation
- Integration into municipal programs

Uses and Markets

- Green Infrastructure Applications
- Research on Compost Benefits: Water Savings, Carbon Sequestration, Growth Trials, etc
- Impacts and Remediation of Persistent Herbicides
- Increasing Sales of Compost-based Products

Diverting and Collecting Organics

- Commercial Organics Programs
- Residential and Community Organics Collection
- On-site processing technologies
- Specialized Collection Equipment

Composting Technologies

- Innovative Composting Systems
- Combining Composting and Anaerobic Digestion
- Contamination Minimization and Removal

Environmental Protection

- Odor Problems and Solutions
- Stormwater Management at Compost Facilities
- Successful VOC reduction strategies

Operators' Track

- Safety training
- Fire prevention and control
- Tools of the trade
- Equipment Optimization and maintenance

Programming, Policy and Education

- Impacts of New Landfill Bans and Diversion Mandates
- New Policies that Promote Compost Manufacturing and Use

*****Abstracts will also be accepted for full 90-minute sessions. Session abstracts must identify the individual speakers and panelists and topics to be covered.**

All sessions are 90 minutes. Presenters can expect to have 20 minutes for their presentation, plus a few minutes for Q & A if time allows. Both case studies and research reports are welcome. Case studies may not simply espouse the benefits of a single product or service but must make a more general point (ie, no “infomercials”).

Abstracts should be clear and concise and be no more than 500 words. A review committee will rate all abstracts. Ratings are based on content, clarity, format and USCC membership.

Accepted abstracts will be available to view on-line prior to and at the conference.

To submit an abstract for a single presentation or a full session, follow the directions on the Abstract Submittal Form and Abstract Guidelines at <http://compostingcouncil.org/submit-abstracts/>

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

In addition to the two days of concurrent 90-minute sessions, we have several half-day and full-day preconference workshops. We are interested in expanding and diversifying our workshop offerings. If you have a workshop on any topic related to compost manufacturing, organics collection or diversion, or compost markets and uses, you are welcome to propose it.

To propose a workshop, please DO NOT use the abstract submittal form. Please send an email to Cary.oshins@compostingcouncil.org with the following information:

- Workshop Title
- Instructors, including brief bios
- Duration (half-day (3-3.5 hrs) or full-day (6-8 hrs))
- Summary and Topics covered
- Agenda or outline
- Teaching methods
- Expected learning outcomes
- Where have you taught this workshop, or similar ones, before

We do not pay for workshop development or instructor travel, but we do split the net revenue, with a guaranteed minimum. Instructors are eligible for the conference speaker rate. Email Cary if you have questions.