# CALL *for* ABSTRACTS

The Botstiber Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control (BIWFC) is proud to host the 9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control, May 23 -25, 2022 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This conference is a continuation of the international forum on the development of wildlife fertility control methods and the role that fertility control can play in mitigating human-wildlife conflicts.

The theme of this conference is **Creating Connections**. The BIWFC's goal is to bring together professionals from a range of disciplines to share the latest information available on: research and development of new strategies; refinements and improvements to existing methods; ongoing and completed field studies; identification and delivery systems; practical application case studies; stakeholder engagement and analysis; and social, regulatory and political challenges and concerns associated with the field.

The conference registration will include access to all conference sessions, a welcome reception, as well as breakfasts, lunches and dinners. In addition, the Cheyenne Mountain Resort provides ample opportunities for recreational and outdoor activities.

The conference will include organized sessions, oral presentations and poster presentations. We invite you to submit abstracts for prospective sessions on the topics shown at right.

## Topics

- Research/Development/ Improvements and Refinement
  - Agents
  - Techniques
  - Identification systems
  - Delivery systems
- Field research trials/Pilot projects (ongoing or completed)
- Management Applications (ongoing or completed)
- Fertility Control and Wildlife Diseases
- Animal Health and Welfare/Ethics
- Economics (comparative cost analyses)
- Population Modelling
- Human-Wildlife Dimensions
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Policymaker engagement
  - Public values and attitudes
- Social, Regulatory and/or Legislative Challenges and Concerns

# Presentation Types

**Organized Sessions** must be comprised of a series of presentations on a specific topic or issue. Organizers can request sessions for 3-5 presentations in duration. Each presentation is 20 minutes which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Organized sessions may include panel discussions. Organizers should indicate the sponsoring organization/s of the proposed session.

**Oral Presentations** should be the results of completed projects or completed phases of a long-term project. Each oral presentation will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions.

**Posters** can include results from completed projects, completed phases of long-term projects, projects in progress, and/or proposed projects. Presenters will display a printed version of their poster during the conference's scheduled posters sessions. In addition, some posters may be selected for scheduled "quick talks" (5 minutes) to introduce their work during the conference sessions.

# Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

Abstracts should reference one of the listed conference "Topics" and may contain data already published or presented within the last three years or accepted for publication as an original manuscript at the time of abstract submission.

Abstracts should be single spaced and no longer than 400 words. Use TimesRoman 12 pt. font. (See example set forth below).

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to:

Monique Principi
BIWFC's Managing Director
at mprincipi@botstiber.org.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the BIWFC's Conference Committee according to merit, relevance to the conference and general interest.

The Abstract example is below.

## Instructions for writing the abstract for the 9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control

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The instructions for preparing the abstract to the 9th International Conference on Wildlife Fertility Control should follow the format of this example in a precise fashion with regard to font style and size, spacing, title, presentation of authors, and maximum length. Identification of species, in the title or the abstract body should include the common name, such as humans, followed by the scientific name in italics. Thus, it would appear as humans (*Homo sapiens*). If any commercial products are identified in the abstract, they should be followed by the manufacturer, in parentheses. The abstract should present the problem, the methods used to investigate it, the results, and a conclusion that is supported by the results. Avoid including any Figure, Table or References in the abstract body. If required, acknowledgements for funding source may be included in parenthesis after conclusion.

# Important Dates

**COVID ALERT**: At this time, we expect this conference to physically take place on site. Please check our website www.wildlifefertilitycontrol.org/2022conference for updates on the status.

## Deadlines

Organized Session Deadline: **November 1, 2021**
Oral/Poster Presentation Deadline: **December 3, 2021**

## Notice of Decision

Due to time/space limitations we will not be able to accept all papers and posters submitted. Notice of decision for organized sessions will be on or about **November 19, 2021**. Notice of decision on oral/poster presentations will be made on or about **January 14, 2022** via email.

## Registration

**All accepted presenters MUST register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee.** Registration opens in **early January 2022.** Information will be posted on the BIWFC website (wildlifefertilitycontrol.org/2022conference/).

**Early Bird registration,** which includes a $50 discount, is strongly encouraged and will be available through **March 1**.

## Travel Grants

A limited number of travel grants will be available. Awards will be made on the basis of demonstrated need and on the merit of the submitted abstract, with preference given for student submissions. Requests for financial travel aid should accompany abstracts. Travel Grant application forms will be available on the BIWFC website.

## Questions?

For questions about the call for abstract process, please contact **Rachel Soroka** at rsoroka@botstiber.org. For all other conference questions, please contact **Carolyn Rauch** at crauch@botstiber.org.