

1st Call for Papers
13th International Turfgrass Research Conference
New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA
16-21 July 2017

The International Turfgrass Society announces the first call for papers to be presented at the 13th International Turfgrass Research Conference (ITRC) in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA, 16-21 July 2017. Title-summaries are needed to assist the Scientific Program Planning Committee with determining a conference program as well as to initiate the process for publishing papers from the conference. The preliminary deadline for [online submission of title-summaries](#) is 31 December 2015; last date for receipt of title-summaries is 1 February 2016.

Authors should be prepared to enter the following information during the title-summary submission: paper title, authors, one or two sentence summary of the paper, discipline/subject area, choice of presentation style, choice of journal (see details below), whether the paper should be entered in the graduate student competition, and corresponding author contact information. Receipt of title-summary forms will be acknowledged along with further instructions to authors about manuscript submission.

The conference theme is *Meeting the Challenges of a Changing Environment* and it is anticipated that papers in the discipline areas listed below are likely to be submitted to and solicited by the Scientific Program Planning Committee.

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| • Conservation & Environmental Quality | • Insect & Nematode Pests |
| • Diseases (Plant Pathology) | • Physiology and Stress Physiology |
| • Ecosystem Services – Biodiversity | • Soil Biology, Chemistry and Plant Nutrition |
| • Establishment and Maintenance | • Soil Physics and Rootzone Construction |
| • Genetics and Breeding | • Weed Science |
| • Information Technology & Education | |
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The Scientific Program Planning Committee will inform authors regarding time for oral presentations and make final decisions on presentation style (oral versus poster); you will be notified if presentation style is changed. Check the International Turfgrass Society website (<http://www.turfsociety.com/itrc2017>) for more program and conference details as these become available.

Please note that at least one author of each paper presented at the 13th ITRC must be a member in good standing of the International Turfgrass Society. An author cannot be the sole member on more than one paper submission.

NEW PUBLISHING OPTIONS for the 13th ITRC. Authors should note that, in response to requests to provide members with an option to publish in a peer-reviewed journal with an impact factor, the ITS Board approved new publishing options for the 2017 ITRC at the 2015 mid-term Board meeting. Therefore, papers at the 2017 ITRC will be published in one of three peer-reviewed journals based on subject matter and successful review: the *International Turfgrass Research Journal (ITSRJ)*, *Crop Science* or *Agronomy Journal*.

Please review the standards of each journal (see URLs listed below) to determine the appropriate selection for your paper.

ITSRJ (<http://www.turfsociety.com/2015/20151020Standards-for-Publishing-ITSRJ.pdf>)

Crop Science (<https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/files/publications/cs/cs-instructions-to-authors.pdf>)

Agronomy Journal (<https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/aj/instructions-to-authors>)

Authors should note that the standards for *Crop Science* and the *Agronomy Journal* are more rigorous than the *ITSRJ* but also realize that both *Crop Science* and the *Agronomy Journal* have an impact factor whereas the *ITSRJ* does not.

Page charges to authors will be as low as \$0 for articles that do not exceed the page length specific to the journal. Charges for the *ITSRJ* will be \$0 for 5 pages plus \$100 per page for 6+ pages. Charges for *Crop Science* will be \$0 for 7 pages plus \$50 per page for 8+ pages. And charges for *Agronomy Journal* will be \$0 for 7 pages plus \$100 per page for 8+ pages for ASA members or \$200 per page for 8+ pages for non-members of ASA.

Delegates interested in presenting a paper(s) at the conference can [submit a title-summary online](#) at or by visiting the 2017 ITRC website at <http://www.turfsociety.com/itrc2017>. Looking forward to seeing you at the 2017 ITRC.

Timeline for the submission, review, and publication of papers presented at the 2017 International Turfgrass Research Conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA.

| | Paper Type | |
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| Timeline | Research, Review, Issue and Case Study | Short Communications and Notes |
| 2015 | | |
| 1 Nov. | 1 st Call for Papers | 1 st Call for Papers |
| 31 Dec. | Preliminary deadline for title-summaries; sets conference program; declaration of oral/poster/graduate student competition | |
| 2016 | | |
| 1 Feb. | Last date for receipt of title-summaries | |
| 1 May | Manuscript submission due | |
| 1 July | Manuscript reviews due back to authors | |
| 1 Sep. | Revised manuscript (if necessary) due | Short Communication submission closes. Abstract 2 page length |
| 1 Nov. | Revised manuscript reviews due back to authors | Short communication reviews due back to authors |
| 2017 | | |
| 1 Feb. | Final manuscript versions due | Final version due |
| 1 July | ITRC registration confirmed before papers published | ITRC registration confirmed before papers published |
| 16 July | Published on USB drive and handed out to delegates at conference | Papers Published |