

Guidelines for Conference Proceedings

Partners in Fight will publish a conference proceedings, and all authors of oral and poster presentations are eligible to have their papers published. The primary purposes of the proceedings are to make the presentations available to those who could not attend the conference and to document the content for history. Thus, the editors begin with the hope of being able to accept every paper for publication.

However, that does not mean we will not have standards. All papers will be peer-reviewed by 2-3 experts in the field and by the editors. And per standard practice in scientific publishing, we strongly encourage the authors to have peers of their own choosing review their paper before they submit it. Authors are also welcome to suggest additional peers to the editors.

Papers must be submitted in Word 2003, and may be submitted in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or French. We will follow the paper formatting guidelines of The Condor (<http://www.cooper.org/publications/Condor.htm>). And while we appreciate that proceedings papers do not always have a classical structure, one way to ensure that your paper is among the few that are rejected is to ignore these guidelines. Please do not try to turn the editors into coauthors. It is the authors' job to do most of the work.

Color figures are terrific for certain content but inevitably are expensive. Authors will most likely need to pay the full cost for use of color.

We will start with the objective of organizing the proceedings into sections that parallel the conference sessions and have approximately the same titles. However, the final organization may vary depending on what papers we receive.

We would like to have the entire proceedings translated into Spanish and will investigate that possibility. At the very least, each abstract will be translated into a language other than the native language. If the author(s) can provide the abstract translation, that will be greatly appreciated and duly noted by the editors.

We will also adhere strictly to the timeline below. If the author(s) miss any of the deadlines under their control, that paper will be dropped from further consideration. The editors have no intent whatsoever of dragging this out.

The University of Texas-Pan American Press (<http://utpress.panam.edu/>) has agreed to publish the proceedings. We will print a limited number of hardcopies, and also make all papers available in pdf on the PIF web site. CD distribution is rapidly becoming obsolete and is a further waste of resources. Thus, we do not expect to produce CDs unless we are convinced otherwise in the mean time.

Timeline

We reiterate that we will adhere strictly to this timeline.

14-16 February 2008

Conference dates.

1 June 2008

Papers have all been submitted to Terry Rich at the e-mail or surface mail address below. Include a cover letter indicating the session in which your paper was presented and the original title and authors of the presentation. This is especially important if the conference presentation is different from the manuscript. Authors are also welcome to suggest additional peers to the editors at this time. If you are sending via surface mail, please send both a CD and hard copy. Papers will then be distributed for further peer review. We encourage you to submit your paper before the deadline.

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1 September 2008

Peer reviews are returned to the authors, and authors begin revision of the final paper.

1 December 2008

Revised papers are received by Terry (address above) for conversion to pdf.

1 February 2009

Pdfs are returned to author(s) for final check.

15 February 2009

Final pdfs are delivered to the University of Texas-Pan American Press, and are posted on the PIF web site.

Date of Publication of Hardcopies – TBA

We will develop a clear idea of publication date for the hardcopies as we work with the publisher in the near future.

We are already looking forward to making a number of valuable papers widely available to the bird conservation community. Thanks in advance for participating!

Sincerely,

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