Call for Abstracts

Submission deadline: October 16, 2023

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) is a national multi-disciplinary, non-profit association with chapters across Canada and seeks to enhance the quality of the design and management aspects of construction activity through programs of publication, education, professional development, and certification, believing that in so doing it can best contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the industry.

The CSC Annual Conference is held in May in a different Canadian city and brings together more than 300 AEC industry participants and stakeholders from across the country representing the various disciplines of the construction industry under one roof. The conferences primary focus is to provide an exceptional technical program which provides an opportunity for professional development and education.

The Conference is an opportune event to discuss the latest in standards, best practices, industry trends, and emerging technologies while providing cutting-edge, solution-driven learning opportunities.

2024 CSC Annual Conference

The 2024 CSC Annual Conference will take place at the Hotel Bonaventure in downtown Montreal, QC from May 22 to 26th. The conference theme is:

Viser l'excellence / Strive for Excellence.

As Will Durant concluded of Aristotle's thoughts on ethics, "Excellence is not an act but a habit." Striving for excellence is about cultivating quality through hard work, continuous improvement, and relentless dedication. Excellence is not a skill; it is an attitude!

Key Themes & Topics

2024 CSC Annual Conference Organizing Committee (COC) invites proposals for presentations on all aspects related to the construction industry with specific emphasis on the following topics:

- Construction Codes and Standards;
- Product and Systems Innovation;
- Project Design & Development;
- Construction Communication;
- Construction Contract Law;
- Construction Challenges & Lessons Learned.

Priority will be given to presentations that are current, in line with the direction of the industry and in line with the theme of the conference.

Presentations

Presentations are face-to-face (no virtual), oral presentations with visual display (PowerPoint) and are limited to 50 minutes, including a 5-10 minutes Q&A. Presenter can expect a short introduction at the beginning and short acknowledgement at the end by a member of the COC, bringing the total length of the session to 60 minutes.

The conference has a total of 8 time slots of 60 minutes each, over 2 days. Each time slot is divided into 3 simultaneous sessions Participants choose which session they attend according to their interest.

Presentations Guidelines

Presentations shall not promote products or services offered by presenter or third party. Presentations shall be objective and remain neutral. They must be entirely free of any political, religious, racial, or sexual content.

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Intellectual Property

The content of the presentation remains the responsibility and property of the presenter. Presenters are responsible for the accuracy of information presented. Presenters will provide CSC with a soft, unlocked copy of their PowerPoint Presentation for formatting and translation purposes and for distribution to conference attendees.

Official Languages

Abstracts and summaries can be submitted in English or French. It should be noted that all visual presentations shall run concurrently in both the English and French languages (two (2) screens). Please note that most of the audience will be comprised of English-speaking attendants.

Final Presentations

PowerPoint (PPT) presentations must be submitted for review, at the latest on January 26, 2024. Presenters must revise their PPT presentations as requested by the COC. Revised PPTs are to be submitted by e-mail no later than March 29, 2024. They will constitute the final presentation that shall be presented at the Conference.

Pictures and videos are encouraged while models and other physical support documents (such as samples) might be more difficult to incorporate in presentation due to limited space.

Conference Technical Set-Up

The COC will provide necessary equipment for the projection and presentation such as:

- 2 projection screens (one for each language);
- Remote control handle;
- Microphone & audio support.

Printed handouts, if desired by the presenter, shall be the exclusive responsibility of the presenters (preparation and print).

Remuneration

CSC being a non-profit association, presenters will not receive remuneration for their service.

Abstracts

Written abstracts (word or pdf file) can be submitted for consideration. Abstracts should be no more than 400 words and submissions must include biographies (not included in 400 words) and headshots photos for all presenters. The abstracts must be submitted to: montreal@csc-dcc.ca.

Abstracts will be selected for inclusion in the program based on a peer review by the COC. For more information on the COC, visit http://csc-dcc.ca/Conferences/.

Timeline

Subject to change:

- September 28, 2023 – Abstract Deadline
- End of October 2023 – Author Notification
- November 2023 – Preliminary Conference Schedule issued
- January 26, 2024 – Draft PPT for revision
- February 29, 2024 – COC Review & Comments issued back to presenters
- March 2024 – Final Conference Schedule issued
- March 29, 2024 – Revised Final presentation
- May 22-26, 2024 – Conference