

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2023 MEETING

Beginning with the Proceedings for the 24<sup>th</sup> Rice Technical Working Group meetings, Desktop Publishing software was chosen as a means for expediting the post-meeting publications process. To accomplish this, Microsoft Word (Windows) was identified as the preferred word processing software to be used.

**Each electronic file should include:**

- 1) title of materials,**
- 2) corresponding RTWG panel, and**
- 3) corresponding author's name, daytime telephone number, e-mail address.**

These criteria apply uniformly to 1) presented paper abstracts, 2) poster abstracts, 3) symposia abstracts, 4) panel recommendations, and 5) list of panel participants. More details with respect to each of these items follow below.

### **Presented Paper, Poster, and Symposia Abstracts**

To be published in the proceedings, presented paper, poster, and symposia abstracts for the RTWG 2023 meeting must be prepared as follows. Please follow these instructions – doing so will expedite the publishing of the proceedings.

1. An electronic file is to be submitted to the respective panel chair no later than December 1, 2022, as stated in the Call for Papers issued by the RTWG 2023 meeting chair and/or panel chairs.
  - a. Use the following file naming system:  
(LastName)(Poster/Paper/Symposia)(Panel)
  - b. For example: HardkePaperRC
  - c. Panel Chair abbreviations in file name should follow:
    - i. Student Contest – SC
    - ii. Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics – BGG
    - iii. Economics and Marketing – EM
    - iv. Plant Protection – PP
    - v. Postharvest Quality, Utilization, and Nutrition – PQUN
    - vi. Rice Culture – RC
    - vii. Weed Control and Growth Regulation - WCGR
2. Use the Box upload link to upload your abstract directly to the panel chair (link available in email receipt of Interpretive Summary submission).
3. Margins: Set 1-inch for side margins; 1-inch top margin; and 1-inch bottom margin. Use a ragged right margin (do not full justify) and do not use hard carriage returns except at the end of paragraphs.
4. Type: Do not use any word processing format codes to indicate boldface, etc. **Use 10 point Times New Roman font.**
5. Heading:
  - a. Panel: Center and type in caps and lower case.

- b. Title: Center and type in caps and lower case.
  - c. Authors: Center name(s) and type in caps and lower case with last name first, then first and middle initials, with no space between the initials (e.g., **Roberts, T.L.**).
  - d. **DO NOT GIVE AFFILIATION OR LOCATION.** Attendance list will provide each author's affiliation and address.
6. Body: Single space, using a ragged right margin. Do not indent paragraphs. Leave a single blank line between paragraphs.
  7. Content is limited to one page.
    - a. Include a statement of rationale for the study.
    - b. Briefly outline methods used.
    - c. Summarize results.
  8. **Tables and figures are not allowed.**
  9. **Literature citations are not allowed.**
  10. **Use the metric system of units.** English units may be shown in parentheses.
  11. **When scientific names are used, *italicize* them – do not underline.**

Example:

Rice Culture

New Rice Cultivar Response to Seeding Rate  
Hardke, J.T.; Roberts, T.L.; Frizzell, D.L.; and Castaneda-Gonzalez, E.

This is an example of an abstract for RTWG 2022. Rice, *Oryza sativa* L., is produced on approximately 1.2 million hectares in the United States. Seeding methods range from dry-seeded drilled, dry-seeded broadcast, and water-seeded broadcast. Recommended seeding rates differ for each of these planting strategies. In general, more precise seed placement, such as dry-seeded drilled, requires less seed than less precise seed placement methods involving broadcast seed.

In the near future, precision placement of rice seed will soon rival that of soybean and corn. Rather than inconsistent spacing of seed within a row as is the current norm, spacing will become extremely precise, allowing producers to maximize their seed investment

In case of other questions or in the absence of being able to access the Call for Papers, contact:

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