

**THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUP ON WOOD PROTECTION**

**Guidelines for the preparation of a Communication Paper/Poster  
for an IRG Scientific Conference**

**NB**

Please note that papers received after the deadline 1 March 2026 will be posted on the website (Compendium) but the opportunity to make an oral presentation will be at the discretion of the Scientific Programme Committee chair. These papers may be presented as posters at the meeting. Deadline for submitting extended abstract or short papers for poster presentations is 1 April 2026.

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Allocation of the papers to different sections is one of the most challenging tasks for the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC). In order to prepare good programme for the upcoming conference, we would like to ask you for assistance. Please tick, the most appropriate Working Party, where your paper fits most. SPC will try to consider your opinion.

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**This paper is intended for the special session on:**

- ☐ Bamboo and Non-wood building materials
- ☐ Wood Modification of Plantation Timbers

**This document is intended for:**

- ☐ Full oral presentation (15 min.+ Question time)
- ☐ Short oral (3 min., 1-3 slides) + poster presentation (Short oral presentation will be given in the poster session)

**This paper will most probably be presented by:** .....(name)  
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This paper will be listed as part of the Proceedings according to Thomson-Reuters index system.

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### **OVERVIEW OF PREPARING A COMMUNICATION PAPER**

In comparison to a full scientific paper, a communication paper can be less formal and not necessarily strictly follow the format of a scientific paper or scientific poster. A communication paper can be a few paragraphs of narratives of a subject matter including, but not limited to, literature reviews, new ideas/thoughts, observations, communications between different parties, cooperation, results, discussions, processes. However, a communication shall follow the following guideline:

- The relevance of a communication paper for IRG meetings must be germane to wood protection research or wood protection industry.
- It is strongly recommended that a communication paper focus more on scientific research findings in nature, and less on marketing or advertising.
- A communication paper can be a re-analysis or review of previously published articles in the areas of wood protection.
- A communication paper can be of new ideas, new research interests, new processes, new testing standards, new hypotheses, etc.
- A communication paper can be a review of regulations, building codes, international cooperation, etc.
- The title page must be included and should include the title of paper, authors and professional affiliations.
- The paper must include an abstract of 150-200 words.
- The paper must also include a list of keywords (3-7) of the subjects covered by the paper.