



## Symposia and Workshop Proposal Guidelines

The **3rd World Seabird Conference (WSC3)** is being organised to facilitate international communication on scientific topics of interest to the global seabird community. The organisers are soliciting symposia and workshops for the Conference to be held 19-23 October 2020.

While the organisers welcome all proposed topics, the following would support the overall theme of the Conference (**Conserving Seabird Diversity for the Future**) and we encourage scientists and those working with and managing seabirds to consider developing symposia based on these ideas:

- Seabirds as indicators of ocean health
- Scale-dependent foraging strategies
- Importance of physical ocean structures
- Functional responses of seabirds to their prey
- Climate change responses and adaptations
- Seabird-parasite dynamics
- Seabird-fishery interactions
- Marine spatial ecology and planning
- Outcome-based seabird conservation
- Protection of breeding sites
- Marine protected areas 



To propose a symposium or workshop for the WSC3 on one of the above topics or any other topic of interest, please provide a single page summary of the following information in an email to the Scientific Committee Chairs, Peter Dann, David Thompson, Rob Suryan at [WSCScienceCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:WSCScienceCommittee@gmail.com)

- **Type of Session: Symposium (series of oral presentations on a single theme) or Workshop (interactive discussion or working group)**
- **Title: Working title (which can be revised prior to finalisation of program)**
- **Leaders (workshop) or Conveners (symposium): Please include the names of at least two people, email addresses, and affiliations who are willing to act as leaders/co-leaders**
- **Justification and description: 3-5 sentences that highlight the importance of the topic and its relevance to those attending**
- **Time requested: Quarter-day, half-day or full day**
- **Potential contributors: Please list at least five lead authors/scientists who will be, or have been, invited to participate**
- **Anticipated outcomes of the workshop or symposium: Please provide a short description of anticipated outcomes such as special section in peer-reviewed journal, creation or enhancement of global database, or funding proposal. Some sessions may not have explicit products but instead may simply provide opportunities to clearly focus a session on an important topic.**



Proposed topics that are similar may be combined at the discretion of the Scientific Committee after consultation with the proposers. We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but space and time are limited. We encourage, but do not require, the publication of proceedings or reports, funded and directed by session organisers.

The WSC3 website provides examples of previous symposia and workshops:

<http://www.worldseabirdconference.com/past-conferences/conference-program/>

Please provide the requested information even if you have previously discussed an idea with a committee member about a suggested topic prior to this announcement. All presentations will require approval of the Scientific Committee to be included in a Symposium.

#### EXPECTATIONS OF CONVENERS

It is expected that conveners will do the following:

- Coordinate all aspects of the symposium or workshop that they propose
- Plan the basic scheduling of presentations and discussion periods
- Review abstracts (and supervise any revisions, as needed)
- Solicit and communicate with invited speakers
- Maintain regular communication with the Scientific Committee

For sessions that might result in publication(s), conveners are encouraged to discuss ideas with the WSC3 organisers, and participate in conference calls or similar with WSC3 organising committees, as needed.