

ICOTS-8

Data and Context in Statistics Education: Towards an Evidence-Based Society

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 11-16 July 2010

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF POSTERS

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The poster content must relate to the teaching or learning of statistics and make some contribution to the development of knowledge in statistical education (e.g., research, innovation, curricular design, teaching experiences etc.).
2. DO NOT include contact names and addresses or prices for materials available for sale. Readers can obtain these via the author/institution. Any posters about new materials should focus on their use; that is, they should report on how they were used and with what results.
3. Authors should submit an abstract written in English by 15 January 2010 to the poster session organizers Mojca Bavdaz and Alesa Lotric Dolinar (email to icots8@ef.uni-lj.si). They will check that the abstract conforms to the conference aims and guidelines, and will acknowledge receipt with an indication of whether it has been accepted.. The abstract should inform about problem, methodology, results and conclusions.

Please see Section 3 for details on formatting of poster abstracts, and Section 4 for details on their submission.

4. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to authors a few weeks later.
5. Authors of the posters should bring the *full version of their poster* to the conference. The recommended size is portrait A0. More details are in Section 5 of this guide.

2. IMPORTANT DATE

By 15 January 2010

Authors desiring to present a poster should submit the abstract (conforming with the instructions below) to the poster session organizers (Mojca Bavdaz and Alesa Lotric Dolinar) by email to icots8@ef.uni-lj.si.

They will check that the abstract conforms to the conference aims and guidelines. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to authors.

3. FORMATTING OF POSTER ABSTRACTS

The accepted poster abstracts of ICOTS-8 will be published by ISI and IASE as a CD-ROM and on the Internet. The following guidelines are intended to help you make the most of the space you have available in the ICOTS-8 Proceedings.

Please note that our strong recommendation is that you start with the template document downloaded from the ICOTS-8 website (icots8.org/notices.php) — or alternatively a sample poster abstract from the same site. If you use either of these then the formatting details listed below will be automatically implemented and you only need to consider the abstract's length. Abstracts for poster presentations for inclusion in the Proceedings should be a maximum of one page, including the title, author's affiliation, reference, etc.

Using the pre-designed Word template or a sample poster abstract

1. Download the poster template or a sample poster abstract from the ICOTS-8 website (see the "Guidelines and Notices" page: icots8.org/notices.php).
2. Open the document in Microsoft Word (preferably 2004 or later) or other software that can cope with Word documents in a compatible way (e.g. OpenOffice).
3. Write your own poster abstract making use of the **built-in styles** and respecting the maximum length of one page. Do not change any formatting (e.g. styles, page size or margins).
4. Save your poster abstract in Word document (.doc) format using your name(s) without spaces and punctuation marks, e.g. poster_HarrawayParker.doc .

FORMATTING DETAILS

Word processor software

Our preference is Microsoft Word 2004 (or later).

Paper size and margins

- Paper size should be set to A4: 21.0 x 29.7 cm (8.27" x 11.69").
- Paper contents should be within a frame size of 15.5 x 24.7 cm (6.1" x 9.7"). Keep the pages within this frame.
- Use the following margins:

Left margin	3.0 cm (1.2")
Right margin	2.5 cm (1.0")
Top margin	2.5 cm (1.0")
Bottom margin	2.5 cm (1.0")

Font

All papers should be formatted using 11 point Times New Roman font.

Justification

Except for the Title/Author information (which should be centered) the paper should be both left and right justified.

Spacing

- Use single spacing throughout, including the title, author information and abstract.
- Exactly one blank line between the author(s)' name(s), sections, any tables and figures, acknowledgements, notes, references, and appendices.

Page numbering

DO NOT number the page.

Title/Author(s)

- Centre the title in **bold** CAPITALS. (You should use **style=Heading 1** from the template file.)

- Centre the author(s)' names underlining the name(s) of the presenting author(s). (Use **style=Normal** with centering.) On the next line show the affiliation of the author(s). On the next line give a single contact email address.
- Leave one blank line between the title and the author's information.
- Leave one blank line between the author's information and the main content.

Headings and emphasis

- SECTION TITLES should be in capitals (use **style=Heading 2**).
- *Subheadings* should be italic (use **style=Heading 3**).
- Use only *italics* (not underlining, not **bold**) for emphasis of text.

Body text

- The first line in each paragraph is indented by 1.25 cm (0.5"). Use **style=Body Text**.

References

Use **style=References** for your references.

- Use either the American Psychological Association (APA) reference style (see *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, Fifth Edition, 2001, ISBN: 1-55798-791-2) or the format used in "*International Statistical Review*" (<http://isi.cbs.nl/ISR/isr-authors.htm>).
- No blank lines between items of the reference list. Use "hanging indent" of 0.64 cm (0.25"). For example:

Ben-Zvi, D. & Arcavi, A. (1998). Towards a characterization and understanding of students' learning in an interactive statistics environment. In L. Pereira-Mendoza (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Teaching of Statistics*, Vol. II, (pp. 647-653). Voorburg, The Netherlands: International Statistical Institute.

Figures and tables

- Include figures and tables within the body of the paper. These should be of high quality, as should any images obtained from scanning.
- The format for Figure and Table titles must be consistent with the style the author is using. The APA style or the format used in "*International Statistical Review*" are preferred.

Headers, footers, footnotes and notes

- DO NOT use headers, footers, footnotes or notes.

4. SUBMISSION OF ICOTS-8 POSTER ABSTRACTS

1. All abstracts should be submitted in *electronic form in Word (.doc) format*.
2. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 January 2010. LATE ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.
3. Send your abstract as an attachment in an email to the session organizers (Mojca Bavdaz and Alesa Lotric Dolinar) at the address icots8@ef.uni-lj.si †.
4. Send Author's Submission Form (including personal information, author's warranty and indemnity, and author's checklist) as an attachment to the same email address after you have completed, signed and scanned them. Alternatively, you can fax them to +386 1 5892698.
5. Please check for viruses before sending.
6. If submitting more than one poster abstract, use separate e-mail messages and attachments for each.

† Note that this address is only for poster matters; see the website icots8.org for other contact information.

The editors reserve the right to reject poster abstracts that do not conform to the guidelines or to return them to authors for re-submission.

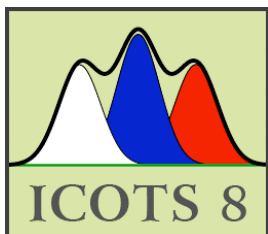
5. POSTER PREPARATION

1. At the top of the poster, please provide the title of the poster, the names of the authors, their affiliations in English, and at least one contact e-mail address. For this you should use bold lettering of about 2.5 to 3 cm size.
2. Artwork and lettering should be large and clear enough so that the poster is readable from a distance of 1.5 m.
3. Posters should include the confirmed English abstract and English title.
4. Please remember that a poster is a visual mode of communication. Include graphics that increase the communication effectiveness and use a big font size. Note: Photographs, drawings, examples of children's work, etc., should only be included if they relate directly to the text and if they significantly assist the readers' understanding of the poster.
5. Poster boards will accommodate posters that are portrait A0 size. This is 0.85 metre wide and 1.2 metre high (2.8 by 3.9 feet). Posters may be slightly smaller but must not exceed this size limit.
6. Poster material will be attached to the boards with tape or pins provided at the Conference.
7. All posters will be displayed throughout the conference period at the Exhibition Hall.
8. Poster presentations will take place on Monday 12 July (odd-numbered posters) and Tuesday 13 July (even numbered posters) between 18.00 to 19.00. Authors should stand by their posters at that time to answer possible questions from participants.

If you have questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the poster session organizers (icots8@ef.uni-lj.si).

In particular, if you have difficulties meeting the specific format requirements or word processing requirements, please ask for help prior to submission.

All authors should make sure that they have completed and returned the warranty and indemnity form and that they have checked their manuscript using the Author's Checklist.



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ICOTS-8 AUTHOR'S SUBMISSION FORM

POSTER ABSTRACTS WILL ONLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR
ACCEPTANCE ON THE COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

Please complete, sign and scan these three pages, and then send as an email attachment to the poster organisers along with your abstract. Email to icots8@ef.uni-lj.si

If sending a scanned version as an attachment is not possible then you could fax to: +386 1 5892698. (However the abstract must be sent as an attachment.)

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name: _____ Last name: _____

E-mail: _____

Title (e.g., Dr., Prof. etc.): _____ Gender (Optional): _____

Affiliation: _____

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City: _____ Zip/Post Code: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

Tel. (W): _____ Tel. (H) (Optional): _____

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Poster Title: _____

2. AUTHOR’S WARRANTY AND INDEMNITY

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3. AUTHOR'S CHECKLIST

Please check your poster and abstract carefully with the following checklist BEFORE submitting it to the editors.

My poster abstract:

- makes a genuine contribution to the development of knowledge in statistical education;
- is a scholarly presentation which is a new contribution to the field and has not been published elsewhere;
- reports a significant outcome or event, or a novel experience;
- is within the guidelines described in the instructions to authors for ICOTS-8;
- is in English and has been submitted to **spell checking** (English or American accepted) and **checked by a fluent English speaker**;
- has been provided electronically in Word (.doc) format.

Bibliography is:

- complete and consistent with the guidelines.