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Q1. How do I submit a proposal through the submission site?

A. To submit a proposal go to <https://cswe.confex.com/cswe/2021/cfp.cgi>. When you reach the submission website, select the appropriate Track on the right-hand side of the page. If you want to submit an invited proposal, you should look for the type of proposal you want to select (i.e., Hot Topic) under the list of 40 APM Tracks. For detailed instructions view the [Proposal Submission Instructions PDF](#).

Q2. There is no Track related to my proposal topic or I don't know where my proposal fits best. What should I do?

A. Proposals must be submitted to one of the [2021 APM Tracks](#) or invited session formats. We recommend carefully reviewing the Track descriptions to see whether your proposal could be a good fit; you may need to review more than one. If you still aren't sure, you may contact the Track chairs listed above each Track description for their feedback prior to drafting your proposal.

Q3. I couldn't submit my proposal by the deadline/I had technical problems when I tried to submit my proposal on the day of the deadline. May I have an extension?

A. If you are experiencing technical issues with the proposal submission system, please e-mail cswe@confex.com. If you have specific questions about the content of your proposal or our proposal submission policies, please e-mail APMProposals@cswe.org. For all other APM-related inquiries, contact APM@cswe.org.

We do not allow extensions for proposal submissions. For this reason, we encourage you to submit your proposal as soon as possible to avoid any unforeseen technical or other issues.

Q4. I need help with my proposal. Whom should I contact?

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Q5. Does being listed as a presenter in a proposal for Hot Topics/Partnerships/other invited sessions count toward the limit restrictions?

A. Yes, being listed as a presenter for any session format counts toward the limit restrictions. It is the responsibility of presenters to ensure that they do not exceed the limit:

- You can be listed as a presenter on a maximum of two proposals. This includes all types/formats for peer-reviewed and invited proposals.
- View the [2021 APM Presenter Agreement](#) for more information.

Q6. I received a message stating that I exceeded the presenter limit, but I only submitted two proposals. Why is this?

A. You should first confirm that you did not begin multiple versions of the same proposal. If you start a proposal, you should always make changes to that proposal rather than starting a new one. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt when a new proposal is created.

E-mail APMProposals@cswe.org if you need assistance with managing your proposals. You may also have been listed as a presenter on a proposal without your knowledge. If you're sure you have not initiated duplicate proposals, e-mail us to see whether you have been listed on one without your knowledge. If you are drafting a proposal, always notify any presenter you plan to include.

Q7. Why does my proposal have to be anonymous? Can I really be disqualified for including identifying information?

A. Including any identifying information such as names, affiliations or geographic locations in the title, overview, references, or objectives of a proposal submission can disqualify your proposal. Each proposal undergoes an initial blind review, so including identifying details can compromise the integrity of the review process. Please pay careful attention to this before submitting your proposal and enter identifying information only when it is specifically requested.

Q8. Can I change the presenters included in my proposal?

A. You may make changes to your proposal until the deadline for submission on February 24, 2021, 11:59 pm ET. After that time, no changes are allowed. Please coordinate with all presenters prior to completing your submission.

Q9. I have changed affiliations, but my proposal has already been submitted. What should I do?

A. Please e-mail APMProposals@cswe.org with any change of contact information as soon as possible.

Q10. What's the difference between an interactive workshop and an oral presentation?

A. An interactive workshop encourages dynamic dialogue between the presenter and participants. The workshop may include interactive features such as small group activities, assignments, and so forth. This format is 60 minutes long and includes only one presenter or group of presenters for a designated topic.

Oral presentations include two presentations that share a similar theme. This format is also 60 minutes long, and each presentation lasts 25 minutes followed by a 5-minute period of simple Q&A with participants.

Q11. My proposal was accepted in a different format than the original format submitted. Is this intentional?

A. Yes, this is intentional. During Phase 2 of the reviewing process, reviewers may recommend a different format for your proposal. The format stated in your acceptance letter is correct.

Q12. I clicked on the link to review comments on my proposal, but don't see any. Why is the page blank?

A. Reviewers are encouraged to submit comments but are not required to do so.

Q13. Do I have to be a CSWE member to submit a proposal?

A. You do not have to be a CSWE member to submit a proposal.

Q14. I didn't get a confirmation e-mail. How do I get one?

A. Please make sure you check your junk or spam folder! If you still haven't received an email, reach out to APMProposals@cswe.org.

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