

# CALL FOR SPEAKERS, POSTERS & WORKSHOPS

The USCC's Annual Conference and Tradeshow is the premiere professional meeting for composting, organics recycling, and related topics.  
*All events are IN-PERSON ONLY in Ontario, CA January 24-27, 2023*

**Submission Deadline: June 30, 2022**

**CLICK [HERE](#) to Apply**

**RESEARCHERS! If you are interested in submitting an abstract for the CREF RESEARCH TRACK, click [HERE](#)**

Abstracts are encouraged on topics in each of these areas. *Bullets are for example only*

## Climate Implications

- Carbon farming and sequestration
- GHG reduction
- Research into direct and indirect impacts

## Diverting and Collecting Organics

- **Best Practices** for back or front of house
- **New research** in effective signage
- Current state of **compostable labeling legislation and guidelines**
- Trends in **Community Composting** programs
- Collecting from multi-family dwellings

## Marketing and Using Compost

- Advances in **application equipment**
- **Green infrastructure** applications
- Use for **fire prevention and restoration**
- Research on **compost benefits**: water savings, carbon sequestration, growth trials, etc
- Impacts and remediation of persistent herbicides or other contaminants

## The Business of Composting

- Promoting and supporting **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** in composting ventures
- Success and insights in various funding mechanisms
- Employee recruitment and management strategies

## Contamination Prevention and Removal

- Contamination **removal systems** and methods
- Meeting state limits
- Benefits and costs of compostables

## California Track

- **Opportunities and Challenges of 1383**
- **SB 1383 Procurement experience and strategies**
- **Healthy Soils** Program
- Impact and next steps for CalRecycle's pilot grant program "**Community Composting for Green Spaces**"

## Policy Innovation and Implementation

- Impacts of new landfill bans and **diversion mandates**
- New policies that promote compost manufacturing and use

## Environmental Protection and Regulation

- Overcoming permitting challenges
- **Odor** problems and solutions
- **Stormwater** management at compost facilities
- Successful VOC reduction strategies

## Composting Process

- **Equipment electrification**
- Innovative **small-scale composting systems**
- Efficiency improvements
- New research

## Managing Operations

- **Dust and drought** mitigation
- Safety training
- Tools of the trade
- Equipment optimization for all sizes of operations
- Software and app innovation

# POSTERS

Authors may choose to submit a poster instead of speaking. Posters are 4'-6' wide and 3' high. They will be displayed around the perimeter of the exhibit hall. Posters should be self-sufficient, but authors are encouraged to be by their posters during the main break times. Speaking submissions that rank high but don't fit in the program will be offered the opportunity to provide a poster.

## Why speak at COMPOST2023?

The Conference routinely attracts over 1000 attendees working directly in the fields of compost manufacturing and organics recycling. This guarantees speakers outstanding professional exposure as well as great networking opportunities. *Lead speaker and poster author for each talk/poster receives the discounted speaker rate of 50% off.*

Presenters can expect to have 20 minutes for their presentation, plus a few minutes for Q & A. Proposed presentations should include information directly relevant to compost manufacturing and related professions. Both case studies and research reports are welcome. Case studies may not simply espouse the benefits of a single product or service but must make a more general point (ie, no "infomercials").

Abstracts for talks should be clear and concise and be no more than 300 words. A review committee will rate all abstracts. Ratings are based on content, clarity, format and USCC membership.

Accepted abstracts will be available to view on-line prior to and at the conference.

To submit an abstract for a presentation or a poster, click [HERE](#)

## CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

In addition to the two days of five concurrent tracks with three 90-minute sessions each (30 sessions total) we have several half-day and full-day preconference workshops. We are interested in expanding and diversifying our workshop offerings. If you have a workshop on any topic related to compost manufacturing, organics collection or diversion, or compost markets and uses, you are welcome to propose it.

To propose a workshop, please **DO NOT** use the abstract submittal form. Please send an email to [Cary.oshins@compostingcouncil.org](mailto:Cary.oshins@compostingcouncil.org) with the following information:

- Workshop Title
- Instructors, including brief bios
- Duration (half-day (3-3.5 hrs) or full-day (6-8 hrs))
- Summary and Topics covered
- Agenda or outline
- Teaching methods
- Expected learning outcomes
- Where have you taught this workshop, or similar ones, before

We do not pay for workshop development or instructor travel, but we do split the net revenue, with a guaranteed minimum. Instructors also receive complimentary conference registration. [Email Cary](#) if you have any questions.