

# Call for Oral and Poster Abstracts

BIOLIEF 2011 – 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference on Biological Invasions and Ecosystem Functioning  
Mar del Plata, Argentina  
November 21-24, 2011

## Call Open: April 1 – June 30, 2011

We invite submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations at BIOLIEF 2011. The meeting will be held November 21-24, 2011, in Mar del Plata, Argentina. Abstracts that address the impact of biological invasions on ecosystem functioning are especially encouraged and will have priority in the meeting programme, but submissions may address any aspect of the biology and ecology of invasive species. Please adhere to the following guidelines in preparing and submitting your abstract.

**A. One Presentation Rule.** To encourage broad participation, each person is allowed to submit only one abstract where they are listed as presenting author. However, a person may serve as a non-presenting coauthor on several abstracts.

**B. Abstract Preparation and Formatting.** Please adhere to the following guidelines when preparing your abstract. Submissions that do not conform to these guidelines will be returned to the authors for revision, with a concomitant delay in evaluation.

- Abstracts must be written in English and should ONLY be submitted as either a Microsoft Word or a Rich Text Format file.
- Use A4 paper size and set margins at 2.5 cm, top, bottom and sides.
- Write the abstract using Arial. Set font size to 10 points.
- The whole submission must fit in a single page and needs to be organized as follows: Abstract Title, Author Name/s, Author Affiliations, Abstract Text, Presenting Author Contact Details, Two-sentence Summary of the Study, Preferred Presentation Mode, Preferences for Session Assignment, and Payment Information. See [SAMPLE](#).
- Abstract Title: It should be less than 15 words long. Type it in upper case, bold face letters; center it with respect to the right and left margins. Use appropriate formatting within titles: italics (for scientific names), subscript (for scientific formulas and superscript (mathematic equations), etc.
- Author Names: For each author, enter only the full first name and the full last name. List the senior author first and use Boldface for the name of the presenting author. Center with respect to the right and left margins Do not include professional titles of the authors. See [SAMPLE](#).
- Author Affiliations: Include only the primary affiliation of each author using superscript numeral references. This should be limited to the name of your major institution (University, NGO, Museum, Government Agency). Do NOT enter names of Department, Group, or other divisions within your institution. Include ONLY the institution name, city,

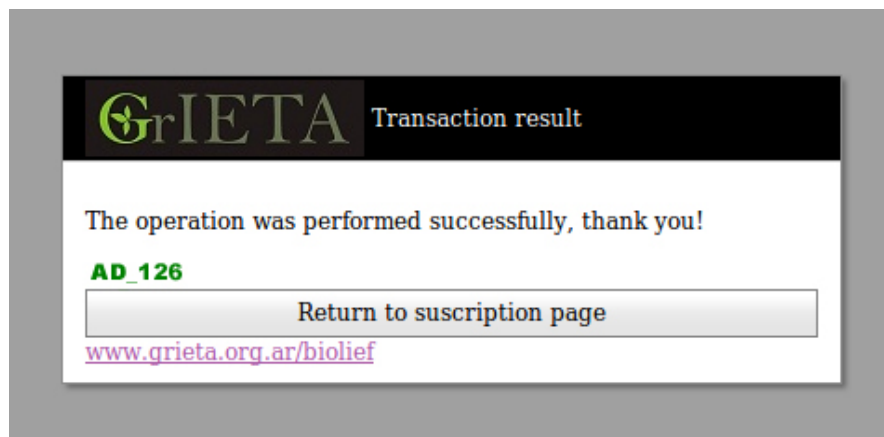
state and country in abstract listing. (Do NOT include full mailing addresses here). Justify margins. See [SAMPLE](#)

- **Abstract Text:** Abstract text must not exceed 250 words. Write your abstract as one single paragraph. Justify margins. Irrespective of whether you present a data paper or a conceptual research piece, your presentation must address some question and leave a take-home message. Vague statements such as “results will be discussed” will result in abstract rejection. Use appropriate formatting (i.e., italics for scientific names, subscript for scientific formulas, superscript for mathematic equations, etc.). See [SAMPLE](#).
- **Presenting Author Contact Details:** Mailing address and e-mail of the presenting author must be included here. Do NOT include contact details of the other authors in the abstract. See [SAMPLE](#).
- **Two-sentence Summary of the Study:** Provide two-sentences describing: (1) the general theme of your study and, (2) the objective, question or prediction that your study evaluates. See [SAMPLE](#)
- **Preferred Presentation Mode:** Indicate here your choice for oral or poster presentation. If you choose for an oral presentation please note that competition for time slots might be keen and that your presentation might not necessarily be assigned to an oral session. **If the number of requests for oral presentation exceeds the available time slots then your presentation could be assigned to a poster session in case that other studies are more pertinent to the meeting theme.**
- **Preferences for Session Assignment:** Oral or poster presentations will be grouped with others to form sessions. We attempt to make sessions thematically coherent based on the preferences you indicate among likely session themes. Based on submissions from the previous BIOLIEF meeting, we have created the following list of likely session themes:
  - (1) Invasive species impact
    - (a) On ecosystem functioning and/or services
    - (b) On community structure and/or species richness
    - (c) On one or a few native species
    - (d) On other invaders
    - (e) On the abiotic environment
    - (f) Other
  - (2) Invasive species establishment and spread
    - (a) Biogeography and macroecology
    - (b) Habitat requirements
    - (c) Interaction with native species or other invaders
    - (d) Realized and potential distribution
    - (e) Temporal dynamics
    - (f) Links to human activities
    - (g) New records
    - (h) Other
  - (3) General biology of invasive species
    - (a) Genetics

- (b) Morphology
  - (c) Behavior
  - (c) Population ecology
  - (d) Natural history
  - (e) Other
- (4) Invasive species management
- (a) Prevention of biological invasions
  - (b) Early detection of invasive species
  - (c) Containment and eradication of invasive species
  - (d) Restoration of invaded ecosystems
  - (e) Socio-economic implications
  - (f) Ethical considerations
  - (g) Other

Please rank 3 of these themes (1 indicated most preferred), to guide our grouping of papers into sessions. Each of your preferred themes may be selected from any of the 5 categories.

- **Payment Information:** Each person who submits an abstract, whether for an oral paper or a poster, **MUST** also provide proof of registration payment. Preferred payment means are credit cards (VISA and MASTERCARD). To pay with credit card please read instructions at [www.grieta.org.ar/biolief/registration.htm](http://www.grieta.org.ar/biolief/registration.htm) and fill the registration form at [www.registration-biolief.grieta.org.ar](http://www.registration-biolief.grieta.org.ar). The system will open a final dialog confirming the success of your payment. Please, save the operation ID number that would identify your payment. In the following sample the operation ID is “**AD\_126**”



### C. Abstract Submission and Notifications

Send your abstract as an e-mail attachment to [abstracts-biolief@grieta.org.ar](mailto:abstracts-biolief@grieta.org.ar). You will be automatically notified when your abstract has been submitted. You will be notified of acceptance or rejection of your abstract via e-mail by July 31, 2011. You will be notified of the day and session of your presentation via e-mail by August 31, 2011. A full preliminary program including presentation times will be available by early October.

### D. Evaluation and Acceptance of Abstracts

Accuracy of the abstract is the responsibility of the author(s). Abstracts will be returned for revision and, eventually, rejected if they do not comply precisely with the guidelines on content and format listed above. Abstracts must use standard English and follow English syntax, grammar, and punctuation rules. Poorly written abstracts will be sent back to authors for revision. Abstracts will be REJECTED if little or no improvement is made once revised by the authors.

## **E. Cancellations**

Before submitting an abstract, authors should be confident that they will attend the meeting and make the presentation. If circumstances prevent attendance for a scheduled presentation, the presenting author should attempt to find another person to make the presentation on their behalf. A coauthor is ideal, but the substitute speaker does not necessarily need to be a coauthor. If you have arranged for a replacement speaker please notify us to [biolief@grieta.org.ar](mailto:biolief@grieta.org.ar).

Cancellations and failures to give scheduled presentations (no shows) are disruptive and leave costly gaps in the program that are distracting to all attendees. **If cancellation is unavoidable, the author should notify us ([biolief@grieta.org.ar](mailto:biolief@grieta.org.ar)) as soon as possible. Cancellations notified to us before July 31 will be eligible for a 75% refund of registration costs. There will be no such refunds for cancellations communicated to us after August 1.** Please let us know if you will not be able to present, even if you are cancelling on a date close to or during the meeting.

Exceptions: After August 1, 75% refunds may apply for extenuating circumstances. Consideration will be made on a case by case basis. Please include a brief reason for the cancellation if you would like us to consider a 75% refund for a late cancellation.