BLUE THINK CONFERENCE 2024

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REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

This document is a guide for the submission of abstracts for the Blue Think Conference 2024 (BTC2024) which will be in person on the **10-11th** of September 2024 and is organized by the PhD Students' Committee of CIIMAR.

Abstract submission for poster or oral presentation is open from the **15th of May (00:00h UTC+1, Lisbon) until the 15th of June (23:59h UTC+1, Lisbon)**. We strongly encourage you to carefully read all the rules before submitting an abstract, as the inability to fulfill the requirements stated forward may result in the rejection of your submission. If you have any doubts regarding the following rules, feel free to contact the PhD Students' Committee by e-mail at phd_committee@ciimar.up.pt.

1. GOALS

The main goal of the Blue Think Conference is to offer students affiliated with CIIMAR an opportunity to casually share their scientific achievements with the community, as well as to engage in a relaxed exchange of ideas and experiences with colleagues from diverse backgrounds.

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Registration for BTC2024 is open to University of Porto (UP) affiliates interested in Environmental and Marine Sciences.

2.2. **Abstract submission** is **restricted** to participants who are **directly affiliated** to CIIMAR or whose affiliation ceased within one year of the submission deadline (i.e., 15th of June, 2023). **The presenting author must be present on the day.**

    2.2.1. Master students, PhD students or research fellows without a PhD degree are eligible for oral and poster presentations.

    2.2.2. Bachelor students are invited to submit an abstract for poster presentation.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Registration and abstract submission are free of charge and will be available on the BTC2024 website:
(https://phdcommittee.ciimar.up.pt/bluethinkconference/registration/).

3.2. The information provided during submission is of the exclusive responsibility of the submitting participant and cannot be altered after submission.

3.3. The content of the abstract and the list of authors submitted are of the sole responsibility of the submitting participant and cannot be altered after submission.

3.4. It is mandatory for the presenting author to be affiliated to CIIMAR. Otherwise, the submission will not be eligible for participation and will be immediately excluded.

3.5. Each participant is allowed to submit only one abstract as a presenting author for either oral or poster presentation.

3.6. During submission, participants are required to select which research line of CIIMAR they belong to. This option will determine the session in which the presentation will be included and should be carefully chosen as it cannot be altered by the participant. The organizing committee reserves the right to alter this option, however, under exceptional conditions and for organizing purposes only.

3.7. During submission, participants will be asked to choose if they wish for their abstract to be included in the Book of Abstracts which will become publicly available after the conference. This publication will be assigned with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and will be indexed on different reference databases (e.g.: Google Scholar, Research Gate, among others). If the participant declines publication, the submitted work will only be mentioned by its title in the Conference Guide which has no publication effects.

3.8. All abstracts submitted after the deadline established (June 15th) or that are not submitted through the channel specified on 3.1. will not be eligible.

3.9. Abstracts must rigorously follow the formatting guidelines described on the template available on the BTC2024 website. Submissions which do not follow these formatting guidelines (including title, authors list and affiliations, abstract and keywords) may be considered ineligible for the conference.

4. ABSTRACTS

4.1. All abstracts submitted for presentation in BTC2024 must:

4.1.1. Be written in English.

4.1.2. Follow all formatting guidelines available on the template provided on the BTC website (https://phdcommittee.ciimar.up.pt/bluethinkconference/registration/).

4.1.3. Abstract for submission should not exceed one page.

4.1.4. Include the email of the presenting author.

4.2. All abstracts which fail to fulfill the above mentioned requirements will be considered ineligible for the conference.

5. ABSTRACT EVALUATION

5.1. Abstracts submitted for oral presentation:

5.1.1. All abstracts submitted for oral presentation and considered eligible for the conference will be subjected to an evaluation process by members of the Scientific Committee.

5.1.2. Evaluation will be anonymous and performed in a double-blinded review format, all while avoiding potential conflicts of interest.

5.1.3. According to the final classification, the submitted abstracts can be:

a) Accepted for oral communication;

b) Indicated for poster presentation.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. It is mandatory for all presentations to be in English.

6.2. The presenting author must send the presentation in PDF format to the BTC2024 Organizing Committee's email address at phd_committee@ciimar.up.pt until no later than September 3rd.

6.3. The file names should follow the format *Surname_Name_BTC2024.*

7. POSTER PRESENTATION

7.1. It is mandatory that all posters respect the following guidelines:

7.1.1. Must be written in English.

7.1.2. A0 size (841 x 1189 mm) and in the portrait (vertical) orientation.

7.2. Posters will be exhibited during the conference day. The placement and removal of the posters **must be done by the authors.**

8. FINAL REMARKS

8.1. Certificates of Participation for all oral and poster communications will be sent by email to the presenting author. Certificates of Attendance will be made available to anyone who participated, after the conference and upon request.

8.2. The Book of Abstracts will be sent by e-mail to all participants and will become available on the conference website when the ISBN is available.

9. CONTACTS

9.1. If you have any doubts regarding BTC2024 or the rules provided in this document feel free to contact the Organizing Committee through our email at phd_committee@ciimar.up.pt.