



PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES - CHINA

The deadline for receiving offered papers is October 31, 2015.

Themes and Sub-Themes:

1.0 State of Global & Canadian Rangeland and Pasture Resources

- 1.1 Ecosite descriptions and ecoregion classification
- 1.2 Historical development of rangelands
- 1.3 Conservation of wildlife and natural areas
- 1.4 Grazing management practices
- 1.5 Genetic resources and forage development.

2.0 Ecological Goods & Services of Rangelands & Pasturelands

- 2.1 Nutritional links from soil to plant to livestock to people
- 2.2 Carbon sequestration in rangelands
- 2.3 Water supply and quality
- 2.4 Wildlife habitat for endangered species
- 2.5 Aesthetic and spiritual value of wild lands

3.0 The People of the Grasslands

- 3.1 Changes to pastoral systems around the globe
- 3.2 Privately owned and leased rangeland systems
- 3.3 Urban and sub-urban grassland societies
- 3.4 Professional extension and technology-transfer
- 3.5 Social justice issues in rangelands

4.0 Multiple Use of Rangelands

- 4.1 Energy development and reclamation of industrial disturbances
- 4.2 Fire management and restoration in rangelands
- 4.3 Cropland abandonment, revegetation with perennial forages, and re-used as rangeland
- 4.4 Invasive species impacts and management in rangelands
- 4.5 Wildlife conflicts and commercial wildlife utilization opportunities

5.0 Range and Forage of High Latitudes & Altitudes

6.0 Climate Change in Rangelands

- 6.1 Plant adaptations to climate change
- 6.2 Livestock and grazing system adaptations to climate change
- 6.1 Water supply and quality impacts from climate change
- 6.2 Historic & cultural response and adaptations to drought in grasslands
- 6.3 Modeling future human and climate change in arid and semi-arid areas

7.0 Grazing Land Assessment & Management in a High-Tech World

- 7.1 Technology in land resource data acquisition and modeling
- 7.2 Technology in social and psychological data acquisition and modeling
- 7.3 Technology in animal movement data acquisition and modeling
- 7.4 Technology in education and extension
- 7.5 Technology in fencing, water supply, and livestock health

Congress Language: The official language of X International Rangeland Congress is English.

Papers sent by email submission to info@irc2016canada.ca. Email submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail to the corresponding author. Only papers in final form should be sent. Only Papers written in this standard format will be accepted.

A maximum of **two (2)** papers will be accepted from any one corresponding author. Papers describing programs and projects should focus on what was done and restrict background information such as the description of organization/institution/country to a minimum.

All offered papers will be peer-reviewed by experts.

The selection criteria will include: (i) Relevance to the congress theme and sessions; (ii) Significance of information and enriching current state of knowledge; (iii) Originality and novelty; (iv) Structure and clarity; (v) Scientific validity.

Presentation Format:

Presentations at IRC2016 based on the paper will be in either Oral or Poster format. Please indicate preference for oral or poster presentation in your email submission. The Editorial Committee retains the right to decide whether the abstract is more suited for Oral or Poster presentation.

Authors who have papers accepted for Oral presentations should prepare Microsoft Powerpoint slides.

Presenting authors, both Oral and Poster, will receive detailed instruction about congress computing facilities, requirements and appropriate guidelines prior to the congress. Oral presenters are limited to **13 minutes plus 2 minutes** of audience questions & discussion.

Paper Submission dates:

Paper submission will be open on February 1st, 2015 and close on October 31st, 2015 at 11:59 PM Central Standard Time (GMT - 6 hr). Submissions will not be accepted after the closing date/time.

Paper & Typing guidelines:

Typing guidelines: All papers should be typed and formatted in Microsoft (MS) Word (.docx) format in digital form. The MS Word version and a PDF version should both be sent by email to info@irc2016canada.ca.

Unless mentioned otherwise, all text should be single spaced. The font should be Times New Roman Font size 11 in single column. A4 size (letter) paper with uniform margin of 25 mm (1 inch) on all four sides should be used. Left and right justified typing is preferred. The headings should be **bold** in font size 11. Please do not apply page numbering or line numbering.

Paper length:

Offered papers can be a maximum of two pages (maximum 1000 words).

Title and key words block:

Title: The title should be centered at top of the first page. Font type should be Times New Roman, size 14 points, **bold** and single spaced. After one blank line, type the corresponding author's name, affiliation, mailing address, an e-mail address followed by the name, affiliation, and mailing address of all collaborating authors; all authors' details should be in upper and lower case letters, centered under the title in Times New Roman Font size 12.

Key words: Leave one blank line under the Title. Type "**Key words:**" flush left in **bold** letters, followed by a maximum of five (5) key words.

Main body of text:

Type text single-spaced, Times New Roman, Font size 11, with one blank line between paragraphs, and the following Major headings: **Introduction**, **Materials & Methods**, **Results & Discussion**, **Conclusions & Implications**, and **References** sections. Start paragraphs flush with the left margin.

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Footnotes: Avoid footnotes, but if needed, then mark footnotes in the text with an asterisk (*); use a double asterisk (**) for a second footnote on the same page. Place footnotes at the bottom of the page, separated from the text above it by a horizontal line.

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A maximum of three (3) figures/charts/graphs/tables/photographs may be embedded within the paper.

Tables: All tables with number and caption should be placed directly within the text.

Figures: All figures must be in digital form in the appropriate location in the document.

Photographs: All photographs should be in jpeg/jpg format and numbered accordingly.

Placement: Tables, Figures, photographs *etc.* must be placed in the appropriate location in the document, as close as practicable to the reference in the text.

Captions: All captions should be typed in upper and lower case letters, centred directly above tables and below figures and photographs. Use single spacing if they use more than one line. All captions are to be numbered consecutively (Fig. 1, Fig. 2, Table 1, Table 2).

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Equations: Equations should be numbered consecutively throughout the paper. The equation number should be enclosed in parentheses. One blank line should be left before and after equations.

Symbols and units: Use the SI (Systeme Internationale) Units and Symbols. Unusual characters or symbols should be explained as footnote.

References and/or selected bibliography:

A maximum of 5 references should be provided. References should be cited in the text, thus (Smith, 1987b; Kawamura et al., 2000), and listed in alphabetical order in the reference section, leaving a blank line between references. The following arrangements should be used:

References from journals:

Stanford, G., Smith, S.J., 1972. Nitrogen mineralization potential of soil. *Science Society America Journal* 36, 465-472.

Kawamura, K., Akiyama, T., Watanabe, O., 2000. Estimation of aboveground biomass in Xilingol steppe using NOAA/NDVI. *Grassland Science* 49(1): 1-9.

Names of journals can be abbreviated according to the "International List of Periodical Title Word Abbreviations". In case of doubt, write names in full.

Reference to articles in conference proceedings:

Kosta, L. D., S. D. Upadhyay and M. K. Awasthi. 2000. Guava based agroforestry system for rainfed agro ecosystem. In : Proc. *International Conference on Managing Natural Resources for Sustainable Agricultural Production in the 21st Century* (Feb.14-18, 2000), New Delhi.

References from books:

Bogdan, A.V., 1977. Tropical Pasture and Fodder Plants. London: Longman, 205-212.

Robson, M. J., Sheehy, J. E., 1981. Leaf area and light interception . In: Hodgson J, Baker R D, Davies A, et al. *Sward Measurement Handbook*. Berkshire: British Grassland Society, 115-139.

Articles in edited books:

Tran, V. N. and A. K. Cavangh. 1984. Structural aspects of dormancy. In: D. R. Murray (ed). *Seed Physiology*, vol. 2. *Germination and Reserve Mobilization*, Academic Press. Sydney. pp. 1-44.

Robson, M. J. and J. E. Sheehy, 1981. Leaf area and light interception . In: Hodgson J, Baker R D, Davies A, et al. *Sward Measurement Handbook*. Berkshire: British Grassland Society, 115-139.

References from other literature:

Smith, J., 1987. Economic printing of color orthophotos. Arlington, VA, USA: Report KRL-01234, Kennedy Research Laboratories.

Smith, J., 2000. Remote sensing to predict volcano out bursts. In: The International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences Kyoto, Japan: Vol. XXVII, Part B1, 456-469.

References from websites: Moons, T., 1999. Report on the Joint ISPRS Commission III/IV Workshop "3D Reconstruction and Modelling of Topographic Objects", Stuttgart, Germany[EB/OL]. <http://www.radig.informatik.tu-muenchen.de/ISPRS/WG-III4-IV2-Report.html>.

Unpublished articles:

Articles in preparation or unpublished observations should not be included in the reference list but may be mentioned in the article text (e.g. Singh, pers. commun.).

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