



IAIA 20

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SMARTENING IMPACT ASSESSMENT

40th Annual Conference of the
International Association for Impact Assessment

26-29 May 2020

Seville Conference & Exhibition Centre (FIBES)
Seville, Spain

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND
CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS**



CONFERENCE TOPICS

The conference will be structured in 8 thematic streams.

- Decision impacts: How is impact assessment truly influencing decisions?
- Strengthening the effectiveness of impact assessment through collaboration
 - Efficient communication for streamlining processes
 - Big data analytics for tackling the biodiversity crisis
- Impact assessment and management through technological advancements
 - Information overload and impact assessment: Effectively communicating risks and uncertainties
- Tackling contemporary environmental issues: The contribution of smart technologies to monitoring
 - Investment and financing for environmental protection

Discussions will also address general IA topics and the world of IAIA special-interest Sections. See the IAIA20 web site for a full list.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND GOVERNANCE ADVANCEMENTS TOWARD EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

The recent data explosion, and the associated increase in the application of novel techniques and tools to manage and make sense of these data, are seamlessly increasing the information available to support assessments and decisions. These advancements are potentially strengthening and bolstering impact assessment, planning, and decision-making practice through the delivery of evidence-based, spatially robust, and transparent information. There are also indications that they can influence coordination of procedures and governance dynamics. But is the growing flow of spatio-temporal data and technological innovation truly leading to better assessments? Better decisions? Are we getting any wiser at taking better environmental action?

Against the backdrop of digital and technological progress, this conference aims to explore related scientific, technological, and governance developments to reflect on whether the impact assessment community is getting any smarter at bridging the *science* and *art* of impact assessment. Are we communicating scientific information appropriately across the various governance tiers and to all relevant players? Do we understand what the “right” information is for decision-makers and, indeed, how data and methodological innovation are influencing decisions? Is this leading to a new era of impact assessment and thinking? Or do we remain in the status quo?

These and some other contemporary questions will help address how we can make best use of scientific innovation to address current practical challenges.

**SESSION
PROPOSAL
DEADLINE
10 July 2019**

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

PROCEDURE

Conference submissions take place in three phases.

- 1. Session proposals.** Session proposals are invited from April through 10 July 2019. Accepted sessions are listed on the web site in August.
- 2. Paper and poster abstract submissions.** From 26 August-31 October, papers and posters are invited on the topics and sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 12 February 2019 (**no exceptions**) are listed in the final program.
- 3. Papers for online proceedings.** From 13 February-31 July 2020, paper and poster presenters are invited to prepare 5-page papers to be included in a paper review process for online proceedings. To be published online, the paper or poster abstract must have been accepted by the program committee, and the presenting author must be registered with fees paid by 12 February (no exceptions). Preliminary instructions for paper preparation and submission are provided to authors upon both submission and acceptance of a paper or poster abstract.

HOW TO SEND A SESSION PROPOSAL OR A PAPER/POSTER ABSTRACT

Follow the instructions at www.iaia.org > IAIA20 > Submissions.

Submissions as a session chair, session co-chair, or presenter are limited to one per person.

LANGUAGE

Submissions should be in English. English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences.

Spanish will also be used in the context of the 4th Iberoamerican and the 10th CONEIA conferences; a number of parallel sessions are anticipated in Spanish.

ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

Session chairs and paper or poster authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted. Please try again or contact webmaster@iaia.org for assistance.

The Program Committee will notify session chairs of acceptance status for sessions by 16 August 2019.

Session chairs will notify authors of papers or posters of acceptance status by 5 December 2019.

All session chairs and presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 12 February 2020 (no exceptions). Please submit a session proposal or abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel and registration and can register and pay by this date. Individuals not able to comply with this registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

REMEMBER: Early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program and on the registration form. Please contact IAIA HQ (kayla@iaia.org) for a proposal form. Forms must be received by 23 August 2019.

ABOUT SEVILLE



Spain is one of the world's leading tourist destinations, boasting an immense historical, cultural, and landscape heritage throughout its territory. Seville presents Spain's third urban tourist destination, a crossroads of all the civilizations that have settled on the banks of the River Guadalquivir. Visitors from around the world are attracted by its beauty, charm, and character, the hospitality of its people, its delicious gastronomy, and the good weather. Seville has undergone significant changes in recent years to embed sustainability within the urban fabric, providing modern quality services and technological innovation while protecting its cultural, historical, and environmental heritage.

IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Session Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 10 July 2019 Deadline for session proposals■ 16 August 2019 Session chairs notified of acceptance status
Paper & Poster Abstracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 26 August 2019 Paper and poster abstract submission opens■ 1 October 2019 Preliminary program information will be posted as it becomes available. Information will be complete by 1 October.■ 31 October 2019 Deadline for submission of paper and poster abstracts■ 5 December 2019 Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status
Registration Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 12 February 2020 Registration and payment deadline for presenters and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings <i>No exceptions.</i>
Proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 25 May 2020 Deadline for draft papers■ 31 July 2020 Deadline for final papers■ 15 August 2020 Papers posted online



TECHNICAL VISITS, TRAINING COURSES, AND MORE

In addition to conference sessions, training courses, and special meetings, we are planning a range of technical visits that will involve learning, networking, and laughter as you are introduced to this beautiful part of Spain. Some examples:

- **Solucar C3** represents the only commercial solar farm in the world that brings together the three types of solar technology (tower, parabolic, and PV). It is located a few kilometers outside Seville.
- **Doñana National Park:** This protected area is one of the most important wetlands in Europe and a bird-watcher's paradise. It is located 50 kilometers outside the city.
- **Olive groves:** Andalusia is one of the largest producers of olive oil in Europe. This visit will cover ecological cultivation and its contribution to diminishing the environmental impact of this agricultural model.
- **Boat trip on the Guadalquivir:** This visit will meander through this iconic river, exposing contrasting and biodiversity-rich landscapes all the way to the marshes of the Doñana National Park, a biodiversity hotspot in Europe.
- **Mining Park of Rio Tinto:** Now closed, the extracted minerals colored and changed the properties of the Rio Tinto waters. The resulting environmental conditions were chosen by NASA scientists to test hypothetical visits to Mars.
- **El Camorro International Bird Migration Centre:** This visit will examine this international enclave, a reference for the study of the migration of birds through the Gibraltar Strait.

ABOUT THE HOST

Founded in 1992, the Spanish Association for Environmental Impact Assessment (AEIA) is a non-profit organization for environmental practitioners in Spain.

It is a membership-based organization that:

- Organizes the national EIA conference every two years.
- Advocates for good practice environmental management.
- Accredits academic training for those seeking to enter the profession.
- Publishes technical books and documents dealing with environmental assessment.

Its membership is drawn from all areas of environmental practice, and includes practitioners from industry, government and academia. For more information, visit www.eia.es.



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