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6 **THE 2027 ICC AUTHOR INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND STYLE GUIDE**

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11 **KEY WORDS**

12 2027 International Conference on Creationism, full-length papers, abstracts, posters, interactive forums,
13 field trips, manuscript style guide

15 **ABSTRACT**

16 This document describes the five types of presentations that can be proposed for presentation at the Tenth
17 International Conference on Creationism to be held on the campus of Cedarville University, Cedarville,
18 Ohio, July 13-16, 2027. This document contains instructions about how to propose full-length papers,
19 abstracts, posters, interactive forums, and field trips for the conference. Please note that this style guide is
20 formatted according to the ICC style guide to give authors an example of how to format full-length paper
21 submissions and references (i.e., your drafts should look like this). A schedule of deadlines for all types of
22 proposals can be found at the end of this document.

24 **I. INTRODUCTION**

25 Forty years ago in August of 1986, the first International Conference on Creationism was held in
26 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Creation Science Fellowship. Their vision, which continues to
27 be ours, was to have a forum for the presentation and publication of high quality, peer reviewed work by
28 creationists. The conference has continued every four or five years until now. In 2020, the organization
29 was given to Cedarville University with the opportunity for an academic institution and board to manage
30 the conference and its publications. ICC has become the premier young earth creation conference in the
31 world. Usually, 30-40 technical papers are published at each conference. At the last conference we
32 expanded and allowed short oral “abstract” and “poster” presentations along with the technical papers.
33 That will continue with this conference. We encourage submissions from all academic disciplines with
34 the goal of further developing the Creation Model of Origins.

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36 This document contains author instructions and a style guide for the five types of available ICC
37 presentations for the 2027 conference. The types of presentations are 1) full-length papers, 2) abstracts, 3)
38 posters, 4) interactive forums, and 5) field trips. This document is written in such a way that it will
39 provide instructions to potential authors and serve as a style guide for full-length papers, abstracts, and
40 posters. If you plan to submit a full-length paper, your eventual manuscript drafts should look very
41 similar to these instructions in terms of font, layout, headings, references, etc. Following such a format
42 will ensure consistency between various ICC publications and make it easier for editors and peer
43 reviewers to process your manuscript. Failure to follow these instructions will likely result in the rejection
44 of your submission.

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46 Please read this manual very carefully, paying close attention to the details. This manual has been
47 provided to aid the author in preparing their proposal and paper and to aid in working with their Area

48 Editor. The manual is based on past ICC author instructions, but you will find some changes within this
49 guide. If you have questions that don't appear to be answered after reading this manual, please contact the
50 Editor, Dr. John Whitmore at johnwhitmore@cedarville.edu.

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52 The purpose of this manual is multi-fold:

53 (1) To provide a baseline for consistent quality in all ICC publications.

54 (2) To assist authors in preparing and submitting proposals and papers.

55 (3) To encourage authors to work closely with their Area Editor(s).

56 (4) To inform authors of responsibilities and other requirements for a successful presentation.

57 (5) A calendar of deadlines (Table 1) is provided at the end of this document.

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59 This guide will have a section for each of the five modes of presentation at ICC. Instructions for full-
60 length papers are the longest and most detailed. If you are interested in one of the other forms of
61 presentation, those instructions will be in the last few pages of this guide.

62

63 *Submitted proposals and papers should not be submitted elsewhere while being reviewed by the ICC*
64 *editorial staff for inclusion in the 2027 ICC proceedings. All the work in the paper should be original*
65 *and should not have been fully published elsewhere. Review papers are allowed if a similar review by the*
66 *author hasn't been published elsewhere.*

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68 There is a multi-step process for all five types of presentations that will require different levels of peer
69 review along the way. All the steps will be accomplished electronically via links on the ICC website. A
70 link to that website can be accessed at <http://www.InternationalConferenceOnCreationism.com>.

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72 On behalf of the ICC Board of Directors and Cedarville University, it is hoped that this manual will
73 facilitate your contribution to the technical development of the Creation Model of Origins.

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75 **II. THE FULL-LENGTH PAPER**

76 **A. Introduction**

77 Peer review by qualified experts is important in scientific writing. Although peer reviewers can find and
78 correct errors in spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, and grammar, this is not the primary purpose of
79 peer review—various computer programs can accomplish most of that. The goal of peer review is to
80 make sure the conclusions the author reaches are supported by relevant data found in the manuscript.
81 Thus, all the material submitted to ICC for publication will be assigned to an Area Editor who may seek
82 appropriate reviewers for a particular manuscript. Full-length papers will be subjected to more stringent
83 peer review than abstracts or posters. Based on peer reviewer comments, the editors will decide if a
84 particular manuscript is worthy of being approved to go to the next level. Historically, less than half of
85 ICC full-length paper proposals make it to the accepted manuscript stage.

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87 **B. Step #1. The proposal (due no later than August 31, 2026)**

88 ICC has developed a process to help ensure the publication of quality manuscripts. First, the ICC Board
89 of Directors selects an Editor (Whitmore) and a team of Area Editors. The Editor directs proposals and
90 papers to discipline-specific Area Editors. The first step in the publication of an ICC manuscript is to
91 submit a proposal of 300-800 words, electronically through links on

92 <http://www.InternationalConferenceOnCreationism.com>. The purpose of the proposal is to create a
93 smaller document outlining the author’s intentions and direction before too much time is invested in a
94 paper that the editors of ICC will not be interested in publishing. If a proposal is accepted, the author will
95 then be invited to submit the first draft of a paper. Proposal acceptance does not guarantee paper
96 acceptance. The last date proposals will be accepted is August 31, 2026. Note that this date is very close
97 to November 30, 2026, the due date for first drafts.

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99 Prepare your proposal ahead of time and include the following information. You can “cut and paste” this
100 information into the website for proposals.

- 101 1) Primary author
- 102 2) Co-authors
- 103 2) Affiliation of authors and co-authors (use “independent scholar” if you do not have an affiliation)
- 104 3) Email of the main author
- 105 4) Phone number of the primary author (to be submitted in the pay portal)
- 106 5) Title of the proposed paper, Brief title (no more than 50 characters)
- 107 6) Keywords (at least three key words or phrases, but no more than eight)
- 108 7) Area and subarea of paper
- 109 8) Body of proposal (300-800 words)
- 110 9) Up to five pertinent references (using the correct ICC style)
- 111 10) Three suggested experts (peer reviewers) who can review this proposal and the eventual paper. Note:
112 the editors will ultimately decide who will review the proposal and paper. You will need to supply contact
113 information for each of your suggested reviewers. Suggest reviewers capable of critically evaluating your
114 proposal and eventual paper; they may not necessarily be reviewers who might give you a favorable
115 review.
- 116 11) Author’s biography (100 words or less). If there are multiple authors, each author must supply a
117 biography. These will be published along with the author’s paper
- 118 12) Brief paragraphs or statements explaining
 - 119 • How this work (or proposed work) is unique and hasn’t been published elsewhere
 - 120 • How this work will contribute to the Creation model of origins
 - 121 • Why we should consider this proposal for inclusion in the ICC Proceedings
- 122 13) A non-refundable submission fee of \$30 (per proposal) will be charged whether your proposal is
123 accepted or not. The money will be used to help offset clerical expenses for editing the *Proceedings*.
124 After the submission of your proposal, you will get an email confirmation along with a link to pay your
125 invoice.
- 126 14) Electronically sign a copyright form.

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128 After your proposal submission, an Area Editor will arrange a Zoom call with you to discuss the
129 proposal. The Area Editor will decide if the proposal should go forward or not. If you do not agree, you
130 can request that the Area Editor consult with the Editor for a final decision.

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132 Proposals can be submitted between January 2026 and August 2026. If an initial proposal is rejected, an
133 author can revise it and resubmit it, up until the final deadline. You will be charged an additional \$30
134 submission fee for each submitted proposal. Expect about a one-month turn-around time for the review of
135 your proposal.

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137 **C. Step #2. Submission of the first draft (due no later than November 30, 2026)**

138 After the author has been notified that their proposal has been accepted, the author will prepare and
139 submit a pdf of the first draft of their paper. It will be submitted on the same website where you uploaded
140 your proposal. The first draft should be ready no later than November 30, 2026, preferably much sooner.
141 Your first draft submission should look much like this document: note line numbers, title, author
142 information, abstract, headings, paragraph breaks, font, bold type, etc. The “mechanicals” section of this
143 document explains all the details. Avoid special formatting as it is sometimes difficult to remove during
144 typesetting. There should be no footnotes, endnotes, page numbers, etc. Line numbers should appear only
145 on the manuscript pages; they can easily be inserted into Word documents using the “Layout” tab. The
146 Editor will determine who the Area Editor for your manuscript will be and then copy you on that
147 decision.

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149 The first draft should be submitted as a single pdf file with figures and tables at the end of the document.
150 This will make it easier to send out for peer review. Your name will be eliminated from the pdf file before
151 it is sent out for review. The final draft should be submitted as a Word doc file for the manuscript and all
152 captions. Figures and tables should be submitted as separate files. This will make your paper easier to
153 typeset.

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155 It is expected that the first drafts of papers will be “polished,” of the highest quality, and with little need
156 of grammatical or style revision. It is suggested that authors employ grammar-checking software like
157 Grammarly (there is a free version that works well with Word). Figures and tables should be publication-
158 ready. Try to minimize the amount of formatting in tables; the typesetter will apply formatting as needed
159 to make your tables consistent with other tables in the *Proceedings*. Papers not adhering to the guidelines
160 or in need of great revision will be promptly rejected without sending them to an Area Editor or peer
161 reviewers.

162 163 **D. The peer review process**

164 If an editor decides the first draft of a paper is worthy of peer review, the paper will be sent to 2-3 blind
165 reviewers. Reviewers advise the Area Editor(s) on whether the paper should be rejected, accepted with
166 revisions, or accepted as is, and what revisions should be made to accepted papers. Peer reviewers only
167 make recommendations to the ICC editors; they do not make official acceptance or rejection decisions.
168 Area Editors will use discretion in deciding which comments from peer reviewers the author sees.

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170 Authors and peer reviewers are not to have direct contact with one another. Authors’ names will not
171 (purposely) be revealed to the peer reviewers. Please be forgiving if a name is inadvertently revealed;
172 that will not be our intention. Sometimes names or initials of names are inadvertently revealed by authors
173 and/or peer reviews in the reviewer/comments portion of Word. To help avoid this, papers will be sent to
174 reviewers as pdf documents. Members of the editorial staff and members of the ICC Board of Directors
175 will undergo the same peer review process as other authors. The ICC Board of Directors has an in-house
176 document outlining a procedure among this group so favoritism can be avoided.

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178 We hope the first draft peer review process to be completed no later than December 31, 2026. Be
179 understanding that some reviews can be completed quickly, and others may take considerable time
180 depending on the complexity of a paper and the availability of reviewers.

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182 **E. Step #3. The final draft (due no later than April 30, 2027)**

183 IF a paper is accepted by the Area Editor(s) but needs further revisions, it is expected that the author will
184 work with an Area Editor(s) to complete these changes expeditiously and then submit the changes well
185 ahead of the final deadline in case further changes (or peer review) are necessary. The Editor in
186 consultation with the Area Editors has final jurisdiction over the acceptance or rejection of each paper.
187 As in the first draft, the final draft should be uploaded to the ICC author website. Please upload the paper
188 this time as a Word doc, and separate files for figures and tables. The final draft of your paper will be
189 electronically typeset by the Editor and his staff. You will make their job easier by minimizing the
190 amount of special formatting in your paper. In the past, we have run into problems with mathematical
191 symbols and equations. Using MathType© or Microsoft Word Equation Editor© may solve this problem.
192 The Editor may contact you for help with these issues to make sure they appear in your final paper
193 faithfully.

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195 **F. Step #4. Final approval (due no later than May 31, 2027)**

196 The authors will have a final chance to review the typeset paper before publication. Typeset papers must
197 be reviewed and approved by the authors no later than May 31, 2027. Please complete this process
198 carefully as further changes are difficult and time-consuming to make after publication.

199 At the time of the conference, ICC papers will be published online as part of the *ICC Proceedings* found
200 with links at <https://www.internationalconferenceoncreationism.com/> and at
201 https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/icc_proceedings/ (neither a hard copy or a CD will be produced of
202 the *Proceedings*). Papers can be removed from the website by ICC for reasons they deem appropriate
203 (like academic dishonesty).

204 **G. Author appeal procedure for proposals (of all types) and full-length papers**

205 There are no appeals (or refunds) for a rejected *proposal* (of any of the five types). If an author feels that a
206 *draft* of his/her full-length paper has been treated prejudicially or unfairly by a(n) editor(s), that author
207 may contest the editorial decision. Because of the confidence implicit by the ICC Board of Directors in
208 the expertise and deduction of the ICC editors (and peer review recommendations), the burden in each
209 such case is overwhelmingly on the author to prove that his/her paper has been treated prejudicially or
210 unfairly. The following is a detailed description of the appeal process. Keep in mind that editors make the
211 final decisions on paper acceptance, not the peer reviewers.

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213 1) If the author wishes to pursue the matter, they must inform his/her Area Editor and the Editor
214 in writing (email) outlining the specifics of his/her objections to the decision against the paper.
215 This must be done ASAP to ensure all deadlines are met.

216 2) Shortly after the reception of the author's letter of appeal, the Area Editor is to submit a copy
217 of all correspondence related to the paper, including peer review evaluations and the Area
218 Editor's assessment of the appeal, to the Editor.

219 3) Immediately upon the reception of the Area Editor's package, the Editor will assess the matter
220 consulting with the Area Editor, and author, if possible.

221 4) The Editor has the authority to only affirm the Area Editor's decision.

- 222 5) If the Editor is unable to concur with the Area Editor, he/she is to select four other Area
223 Editors to form an appeal committee to evaluate the matter. The editor will chair and vote on this
224 appeal committee.
225 6) This appeal committee will then cast their votes to either uphold or overturn the Area Editor's
226 decision.
227 7) Upon the final decision, the Editor is to inform both the author and Area Editor.
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229 It is hoped that this somewhat "bureaucratic" process will maintain the integrity and quality of the
230 *Proceedings*.

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232 **H. Step #5. Presentation at ICC**

233 IF your paper is accepted for publication in the *ICC Proceedings*, you will be expected to give an oral
234 presentation (in person) of your work at the conference. As the conference approaches, authors will be
235 notified of how much time they will be given to present their paper and then answer questions about it.
236 The exact length of the oral presentation and Q&A time will not be determined until (1) the final number
237 of papers are known and (2) the number of rooms available for presentations at the conference are known.
238 At this time, we estimate presentation times will be about 50 minutes in length with a limited amount of
239 Q&A time to follow. Authors will not be able to choose the day of their presentation. In the past, there
240 have been some rare and extenuating circumstances in which we have allowed authors to present via live
241 video, but this is normally not allowed. The ICC Board of Directors will decide these matters on a case-
242 by-case basis.

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244 Bring your PowerPoint presentation saved on a thumb drive. Use this as a backup for your presentation
245 and/or for use on a university computer. It might be possible for authors to use their personal computers
246 during the presentation through an HDMI port. Please bring your own adapter devices for the HDMI
247 cable. Most presentation rooms will be typical university classrooms, equipped with a computer,
248 projector, audio speakers, whiteboard, etc.

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250 ICC will not archive or collect PowerPoint presentations of the conference because they are not peer
251 reviewed. The official *Proceedings* of the conference are what is archived. It will be the author's
252 responsibility to provide copies of their PowerPoint files to only if they wish to do so. An email and
253 physical address will be published with papers so if people want a PowerPoint they can contact authors
254 directly. No post-conference PowerPoints, audio, or video presentations will be available.

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256 The primary author of *full-length papers* will be allowed to attend the conference at a reduced rate of 50%
257 of the registration fee. We cannot offer any discounts on lodging or meals. All other co-authors will be
258 charged the full amount of the registration fee. Authors are responsible for their own travel costs. Authors
259 do not get further cost reductions for presenting multiple times.

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261 **I. ICC paper mechanicals**

262 Most technical issues are addressed for writing your paper in the following set of instructions. If you
263 have a question that appears to be unanswered, please contact the Editor, Dr. John Whitmore at
264 johnwhitmore@cedarville.edu.

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266 **1. Word limit**

267 The maximum number of words allowed in an ICC paper is 20,000. This includes the abstract, text,
268 references, and associated appendices. This word limit can be waived by the Editor under exceptional
269 circumstances when the subject matter requires a lengthier presentation. Most papers should be in the
270 10,000 to 15,000-word range. If your paper is longer, consider publishing it as an *ICC Monograph*, a new
271 format which the board is considering.

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273 **2. Draft parameters**

274 Papers should be submitted in a single line-spaced (1.0 or 1.15) Microsoft Word document using Times
275 New Roman or Minion Pro 11-point font. Use one-inch margins all around. Add line numbers to your
276 manuscript (as in this document). Line numbers are helpful when reviewers make comments. Formatting
277 should be kept to an absolute minimum. Do not embed graphics, tables, figures, or photographs in the
278 text. Do not use footnotes or endnotes. If you have figures and tables, make each a separate file only for
279 your final draft. Use only one table/figure per file. Figure and Table captions should be placed at the end
280 of your manuscript file. As mentioned above, your first draft should be a complete pdf, with figures and
281 tables at the end of the manuscript. The second draft manuscript should be submitted as a Word doc
282 followed with separate files for figures and tables.

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284 **3. Paper formatting and layout**

285 The body of most papers should follow this order:

- 286 • INTRODUCTION
- 287 • PREVIOUS WORK
- 288 • MATERIALS, METHODS
- 289 • RESULTS
- 290 • DISCUSSION
- 291 • CONCLUSION
- 292 • ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (Optional)
- 293 • REFERENCES
- 294 • NOMENCLATURE (Optional)
- 295 • APPENDIX or APPENDICES (numbered) (Optional)
- 296 • FIGURE CAPTIONS (Use sentence-capitalization for the figure captions)
- 297 • TABLE CAPTIONS (Use sentence-style capitalization for the table captions)
- 298 • FIGURES (Note that figure captions should be found at the end of the manuscript.)
- 299 • TABLES (Note that table captions should be found at the end of the manuscript, after figure
300 captions.)

301
302 The main sections of the paper should be in all bold capital letters (i.e., **INTRODUCTION**,
303 **METHODS**, **REFERENCES**, etc.). Note the Table of Contents in this document as an example of
304 how to outline your paper.

305
306 **TITLE**

307 Titles are often used for identification by readers, libraries, indexing services, and data retrieval
308 services; therefore, keep the title descriptive and brief. Avoid clichés and slang. A heading or “brief

309 title” will be published at the tops of alternate pages in the *Proceedings*. The brief title should be no
310 more than 50 characters.

311

312 **KEYWORDS**

313 The purpose of keywords is to provide a very rapid classification of the author’s paper. Keywords
314 should be synonyms and closely related words relative to the paper’s topic and classification. Provide
315 no more than 8 keywords and/or brief phrases.

316

317 **ABSTRACT**

318 The title and the abstract of a paper are the first things that a potential reader will see and so these
319 parts of your paper need extra consideration. The abstract is NOT an “introduction” to your paper.
320 The purpose of the abstract is to summarize the purpose, scope, methods, results, and conclusions
321 reached. *Think of the abstract as a concise summary of all the parts of your paper or a “mini-*
322 *paper.”* The abstract is complete only if it can stand alone and adequately describe the paper by
323 providing just enough background information to make the results understandable.

324

325 The abstract should be no longer than about 350 words. It is suggested that you write your abstract
326 *last*, to avoid making it sound like an introduction. Most abstracts consist of only one paragraph with
327 7-10 sentences. They will include an introduction, some methods, some data, and a conclusion which
328 highlights the implications of the data. The abstract should not have any references.

329

330 **INTRODUCTION**

331 The introduction begins the paper by providing the background or history of a particular problem that
332 led to the research, experiment, or application described in the paper. The introduction may preview
333 or outline how the material will be presented in the paper (that is, how many studies or experiments
334 will be covered) and it may state the relationship of the subject matter to larger areas of study. Keep
335 the background information as brief as possible, stating only the aspects relevant to the paper. Do not
336 rewrite any previous studies. Consider including a *brief* summary of previous Creation research in
337 this section and how your paper is related to or adds to, work that has already been done.

338

339 **BODY OF PAPER**

340 Up to this point, general ideas and goals have been presented to the reader, but now specific details
341 emerge. The body of the paper is the real substance of the paper. It conveys the message the author
342 wants to present. In general, the body of your paper should have the following sections and in this
343 order: MATERIALS, METHODS, RESULTS, DISCUSSION. These sections can be appropriately
344 renamed. *Make sure that all of your data is in the RESULTS section and all of your interpretations*
345 *are in the DISCUSSION section. Avoid conflating data and interpretation of data (this is difficult to*
346 *do, but the editors will demand that you do it).*

347

348 The following are some general questions that, if answered, will aid in the development of the body
349 of the paper. Often a peer reviewer will consider these questions when evaluating your manuscript.

- 350
- Does the body provide enough information to convey the intended point(s)?
 - Is unnecessary material included?
- 351

- 352 • Has the material been divided into main headings and sub-headings, and do these divisions
353 emphasize the important points of the paper? Do the sub-headings support the main headings?
354 • Is the subject matter developed logically? Is it free from gaps and discontinuities?
355 • Has the best possible use been made of graphs, charts, photographs, and line drawings, and are
356 the illustrations well prepared for reproduction?
357 • Do the facts presented adequately support the conclusion?

358
359 **CONCLUSION**

360 A potential reader of your paper often first looks at the title, then the abstract, and then the conclusion
361 to see if they might be interested in reading your whole paper; keep this in mind as you write. The
362 conclusion states the final results, emphasizes the most important points, and directs the reader to
363 relevancies for other areas. Always compare the results with the original theory, especially if the
364 results do not coincide with the expectations. Then speculate on possible applications or areas for
365 further investigation. The conclusion ought to be clear and concise and be supported by data within
366 the paper. The conclusion should not have any new data or interpretation of data within it; that
367 should all be placed earlier in the paper!

368
369 **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** (optional)

370 Always place your acknowledgments immediately following the text *preceding* the References. Keep
371 the list of persons and institutions as brief as possible. Cite (with permission) only those who
372 provided *substantial* contributions to the work. Be sure to recognize individuals or organizations who
373 provided financial support if they wish to be recognized.

374
375 **REFERENCES**

376 References are an important part of any paper because they establish the credibility of your research
377 and provide the readers with a source for further reading. See the REFERENCE formatting section
378 below. Make sure there is a 1:1 correspondence between citations in the text and citations in the
379 REFERENCES section. In other words, everything cited in the paper should appear in the
380 REFERENCES and everything in the REFERENCES should appear in the paper.

381
382 **NOMENCLATURE** (optional)

383 Use a nomenclature table (or glossary of terms) if the paper makes extensive use of symbols or
384 terminology. Lengthy or frequent explanations can break up the train of thought if they are presented
385 in the text. A nomenclature table provides a complete and optional reference source for the reader.
386 Any information vital to the understanding of the paper should be included in the text of the paper.

387
388 **APPENDIX** (optional)

389 Lengthy descriptions of apparatus or complex equations and derivations not essential to the
390 understanding of the paper should be included in an appendix. Identify appendices as **APPENDIX A**,
391 **APPENDIX B**, etc., with a brief descriptive title. Example,

392
393 **APPENDIX A: Maxwell's equations in integral form**

394 **APPENDIX B: Maxwell's equations in differential form**

395 If only one appendix is used, do NOT use an identifying letter.

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397 Make numbered lists of figure and table captions at the very end of the manuscript. The headings can
398 simply be “Figure captions” and “Table captions.”

399

400 **4. Important miscellaneous formatting items**

401 • Do NOT place page numbers in the text.

402 • Do NOT use footnotes or endnotes

403 • Do NOT indent the beginning of paragraphs. A paragraph is identified by a blank line between
404 sections of text.

405 • Indent only quotations of 40 or more words in a freestanding block of typewritten lines and omit
406 the quotation marks.

407 • Every equation should be formatted in italics using MathType© or Microsoft Word Equation
408 editor©. All special fonts should be free of copyright restrictions. Each equation should be
409 numbered e.g. (1), (2), etc., and can thus be referred to as such in the text. Always follow an
410 equation or set of equations with an explanation of its symbols. Exceptions are very simple or
411 universally known equations that may be included in the text e.g., $E = mc^2$.

412 • The units for the fundamental dimensions are called fundamental or base units. ICC papers
413 should use the SI system. The SI system is the modernized version of the metric system, and the
414 abbreviation SI is for the French same **S**ysteme **I**nternationale d’Unites. In the SI system
415 METER, KILOGRAM, SECOND, AMPERE, KELVIN, and CANDELA are the base units for
416 the six fundamental dimensions of length, mass, electric current, temperature, and luminosity,
417 respectively. For more information on the secondary units refer to:

418 ○ U.S. National Bureau of Standards Specification, Publication 330, 1971.

419 ○ Kraus, J.D. & Carver, K.R. (1973). *Electromagnetics* (pp. 1, 2). New York, New York:
420 McGraw Hill.

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437 tif files work better. Keep in mind that jpg files will usually be smaller in size and less cumbersome to
438 work with.

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444 table caption, spell out figure and table: “Figure 1., Figure 2., Table 4.,” etc.

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447 References are to be collected at the end of the paper and listed alphabetically. All references that appear
448 in the text should appear in the “REFERENCE” section and all references in the “REFERENCE” section
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450 451 ***a. reference format***

452 Follow the example below for how different types of references (journals, books, edited volumes, etc.)
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455 author(s) is used, the references should be listed in date order. When formatting your references be sure to
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561 **1) in-text citations**

562 • For single-author citations in the text: Walsh (2006) or (Walsh 2006).
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565 text for three or more authors, but always list all of the authors in the REFERENCE section.
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567 (Gunderson and Norse 2001; Snelling et al. 1998; Walsh 2006).
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569 **2) in-text quotes**

570 When quoting, always provide the author, year, and specific page citation in the text.
571 *Quotation 1:*

572 She stated, “The ‘placebo effect’ . . . disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner” (Miele
573 1993, p. 276), but she did not clarify which behaviors were studied.

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575 *Quotation 2:*

576 Miele (1993) found that “the ‘placebo effect,’ which had been verified in previous studies, disappeared
577 when [only the first group’s] behaviors were studied in this manner” (p. 276).

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579 *Quotation 3:*

580 Miele (1993) found the following: The “placebo effect,” which had been verified in previous studies,
581 disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner. Furthermore, the behaviors *were never*
582 *exhibited again* [italics added], even when reel [sic] drugs were administered. Earlier studies (e.g.,
583 Abdullah 1984; Fox 1979) were clearly premature in attributing the results to a placebo effect. (p. 276).

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615 **b. South Bass Trail**

- 616 *1) locations near the rim*
- 617 *2) locations near the Colorado River*
- 618 *a) diabase sill*
- 619 *b) cable car ruins*
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623 **C. Data from laboratory experiments**

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642 **III. AN ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION (make a proposal no later than April 30, 2027)**

643 **1. Introduction**

644 For ICC we now allow scholars to present oral abstracts. Sometimes scholars wish to present a short
645 concept, which is part of a larger research project, or a new idea for which the author desires input from
646 colleagues. Abstracts are often an ideal way for new scholars and students to become involved in the
647 process of research and presentation, but this medium is certainly not limited to new scholars and
648 students. Initial abstract submission is due by April 30, 2027. Abstracts will be submitted electronically
649 via links on the ICC website. Be prepared to answer questions from an Area Editor via a Zoom meeting
650 during the submission process, similar to those described in the full-length paper section of this
651 document. A non-refundable submission fee of \$20 (per proposal) will be charged whether your proposal
652 is accepted or not. The money will be used to help offset clerical expenses for editing the *Proceedings*.

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655 reviewed by an Area Editor who may or may not send it to others for review. Typically, abstracts will
656 take about two weeks to be reviewed. The Area Editor may accept, accept with revisions, or reject your
657 abstract. There is no appeal process.

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659 **2. The form of the abstract**

660 Think of an abstract as a concise summary (<350 words) of your work or a “mini-paper.” Most abstracts
661 consist of only one paragraph with 7-10 sentences. They will include an introduction, some methods,
662 some data, and a conclusion which highlights the implications of the data. Typically, it will not have any
663 references. Carefully choose a title that is not too long but adequately describes your work.

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665 **3. Final draft of an abstract (due no later than May 31, 2027)**

666 If your abstract is accepted with revisions, please make those changes, and submit your final abstract for
667 publication by May 31, 2027.

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669 **4. Presentation**

670 Oral presentations for abstracts will need to be completed (including Q&A) in 14 minutes. A good rule of
671 thumb is to allow one minute per PowerPoint slide; thus, most presentations will only have about 10
672 slides. Your abstract is the only part that will be published. There are no registration discounts for authors
673 presenting oral abstracts.

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675 **IV. A POSTER PRESENTATION (make a proposal no later than April 30, 2027)**

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677 For ICC we now allow scholars to present posters. Sometimes scholars wish to present a short concept,
678 only part of a larger research project, or a new idea for which the author desires input from colleagues.
679 Posters are often an ideal way for new scholars or students to become involved in the process of research
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692 **2. The poster abstract**

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694 consist of only one paragraph with 7-10 sentences. They will include an introduction, some methods,
695 some data, and a conclusion which highlights the implications of the data. Typically, it will not have any
696 references. Carefully choose a title that is not too long but adequately describes your work. A proposal is
697 due by April 30, 2027.

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699 **3. The form of the poster**

700 A poster is a visual presentation of scholarly work. Posters should be no larger than 42 inches by 42
701 inches (42 inches is a typical paper size at commercial printers). All the material on a poster should utilize
702 fonts that are easily readable from a distance of about 3 or 4 feet. Since a poster is a visual display,
703 consider using less text and more visual aids to display your work.

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705 Each poster should include the following information somewhere on the poster: 1) Title and author
706 information (should match the version accepted by the Area Editor), 2) date and event, 3) your institution
707 (and logo?) if applicable, 4) abstract (should match the version accepted by the Area Editor, and 5)
708 materials, methods, results and observations, conclusions, acknowledgments, and any references the
709 author may want poster viewers to be aware of.

711 **3. Changes to accepted poster abstracts and upload poster (May 31, 2027)**

712 If your poster abstract is accepted with revisions, please make those changes, and submit your final
713 abstract for publication by May 31, 2027. You will need to submit the final draft of your poster by May
714 31, 2027, for inclusion in the *Proceedings*. The final draft of your poster should be uploaded as a pdf file
715 into the author area website for the conference. Each poster will have an abstract published in the
716 *Proceedings*. Additionally, a pdf copy of the poster will be published in a special part of the *Proceedings*.

718 **4. Presentation of your poster at the conference**

719 Posters should be printed before arriving at the conference. You will be able to “present” your poster
720 during a 2-hour session on one of the days and/or evenings of the conference. Your poster will be
721 displayed during the entirety of the conference in a poster hall. There are no registration discounts for
722 authors presenting posters.

724 **V. INTERACTIVE FORUMS (make a proposal no later than March 31, 2027)**

725 The ICC Board of Directors wishes to provide an opportunity for groups of scholars to discuss ideas with
726 one another. Interactive forums provide this opportunity. We are looking for forum moderators who wish
727 to submit an idea, organize, and lead such forums. There is no set format for forums. They might consist
728 of formal paper and abstract presentations, panel discussions, round table discussions, interdisciplinary
729 interactions, etc. Forums might address a particular topic or problem or seek to begin to solve a particular
730 problem within a discipline.

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732 Potential forum moderators need to make a proposal through the ICC website no later than March 31,
733 2027. The moderator needs to supply a topic, potential participants, a time length (1 to 4 hours), and a
734 description of what is to be accomplished. The ICC Board of Directors will meet in May of 2027, along
735 with the Area Editors to choose and establish the schedule for forums.

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737 There will be nothing published as a result of a forum unless the forum consists of accepted full-length
738 papers, abstracts, or posters, which will be published in the regular *Proceedings*. Moderators may request
739 that certain papers or abstracts be presented in their forum instead of during the regular paper presentation
740 sessions (with the same time-length guidelines). A forum moderator will receive a 50% discount on
741 conference registration fees. No discounts can be given for lodging, meals, or travel expenses. Co-
742 moderators are not eligible for a discount.

744 **VI. FIELD TRIPS (proposals due no later than March 31, 2027)**

745 Cedarville University is close in proximity to many excellent museums, zoos, aquariums, parks, and
746 attractions that ICC participants might want to visit. We are looking for moderators to organize and lead
747 group field trips. Field trips need to be proposed no later than March 31, 2027, according to Table 1 on

748 the last page of this document. The Board of Directors will select field trip sessions early in May so ICC
749 attendees can sign up for the field trips in advance. Field trips can occur before, during, or after the
750 conference. Field trip moderators will need to organize transportation, meals, entrance fees, etc.

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752 If the field trip moderator wishes to have some kind of ICC Field Trip Guide published in association
753 with an accepted field trip, please contact the Editor well in advance of the conference. It may be possible
754 to work with an editor to publish something. Field trip leaders are not eligible for conference discounts.

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756 **APPENDIX: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

757 As the date of the conference approaches, further information about the conference will become available
758 on the ICC website including registration fees, dormitory housing, meals, field trips, and the conference
759 schedule. Cedarville University is in the southwestern part of Ohio making it convenient to fly into three
760 different international airports within a short driving distance from Cedarville: Dayton (DAY, 45
761 minutes), Columbus (CMH, 65 minutes), or Cincinnati (CVG, 105 minutes).

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763 There are many hotels, restaurants, and shopping areas in Cedarville, Clifton (5 miles, <10 minutes),
764 Xenia (10 miles, 15 minutes), Yellow Springs (10 miles, 15 minutes), Jeffersonville (18 miles, 20
765 minutes) and Springfield (14 miles, 20 minutes). There are several scenic parks of biological and
766 geological interest in the area including Indian Mound Park (Cedarville), Clifton Gorge (Clifton), and
767 John Bryan State Park (Yellow Springs). The Village of Cedarville has several restaurants and coffee
768 shops, a hotel, and a bike trail. You can find up-to-date travel and lodging information on the Cedarville
769 University website [Parent Resources | Cedarville University](#).

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Poster Presentations													Submit proposal								ICC
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Interactive Forums													Submit Proposal								ICC
Field Trips													Submit Proposal								ICC
Conference Registration													Early			Regular					ICC