

INDIAN WILDLIFE ECOLOGY CONFERENCE 2026
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – SYMPOSIA SUBMISSION

Question: What is a symposium and what is required in a symposium proposal?

Answer: A symposium is a session focused on a theme within the realm of wildlife ecology research. For example, a symposium could be on Plant and Insect Communication, with paper presentations focusing on specific research topics under this theme. Currently, the call for symposium proposals is open (Deadline: 31 December 2025).

The call for abstracts for paper presentations under symposia will be in February 2026.

A symposium proposal requires a Chair and Co-Chair, who will facilitate multiple presentations and discussions. Symposium proposals require a title, Chair and Co-Chair details, and a synopsis. Kindly view the guidelines on our website before submission.

Question: What does a symposium Chair/Co-chair do?

Answer: The Chair and Co-chair are subject-matter experts who originally proposed the symposium and will play crucial roles in conducting it.

The Chairs are responsible for the selection of presentations from the submitted abstracts, introducing the speakers, and ensuring a cohesive flow. They will guide the discussions, manage time, and foster engagement among presenters and other participants.

Their expertise and leadership ensure the symposium aligns with its theme and delivers valuable insights to the audience.

Question: Can I submit more than one symposium proposal?

Answer: Yes, you can submit **up to two** symposium proposals, but only one may be accepted after review.

Question: How long should my symposium proposal be?

Answer: Your proposal should include a title (up to 15 words), names and affiliations of the Chair and Co-Chair, and a synopsis (max. 250 words) outlining objectives, diverse viewpoints, and potential presentation themes.

Question: What is the deadline for symposium submissions?

Answer: The deadline for symposium submissions is December 31, 2025.

Question: How will symposium proposals be reviewed?

Answer: All proposals will be reviewed by the IWEC `26 Science Committee based on a set of criteria within two weeks of the submission deadline.

Question: Is there any financial support available for symposium organisers and speakers?

Answer: Symposium organisers can apply for limited, needs-based funding which will cover their travel to and from the event. Please submit a symposium proposal and once your proposal is accepted, we will email you a form for travel support. If you require support, you can fill up the form and submit it to us. Your request will be evaluated and funding may be provided on a case-by-case basis.

The Chair of the symposium can recommend need-based travel and local hospitality support for speakers within a specified budget. This will be done after the call for abstracts has been released in February 2026.

Question: Can I submit an abstract for presentation within a symposium?

Answer: Following shortlisting symposia, a call for abstracts will be announced in February 2026, and you can submit an abstract for presentation in a symposium of your choice. These will be reviewed and shortlisted by the Chairs of the symposium.

Question. Can I submit an abstract for a presentation that does not fall within the announced symposia?

Answer: There will also be a call for abstracts for presentations that do not fall under any of the announced symposia. These will be reviewed and shortlisted by the Science Committee.

Question: How do I submit my symposium proposal?

Answer: Visit our [Symposium Proposal Submission Portal](#) on the website, where you can sign up, view the guidelines, and submit your proposal.

For any additional questions or clarifications, feel free to contact us at contact@iwecindia.in. We look forward to welcoming you at the conference.

Note: FAQs are subject to updates. Please check the website regularly for the latest information.
