LAST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This is the Last Call for Proposals for the International Congress of the World Design Summit, to be held in Montréal, Canada from October 16 to 20, 2017.

The Last Call for Proposals is open to scholars, practitioners and concerned parties from all spectrums of the design disciplines, including: architecture, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, urban planning and interstitial or hybrid practices. The Proposals must provoke paradigm shifts and propose how we might rethink challenging world issues through design processes and their applications. They must provide innovative insights on how to attain change, therefore contributing to the objectives of the Summit: that is, to demonstrate the tremendous transformative power of design to create viable solutions for the global social, economic, cultural and environmental challenges we face worldwide.

WDS2017 will host design professionals, government and business leaders, industry representatives, media and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from around the world. For 10 days, attendees will come together to work beyond silos, foster cooperation and enhance scientific and professional development. The Summit will aim to use the unique capacity of design to contribute to the creation of viable solutions to our current challenges.

Important Dates:

Online Submission Deadline
August 6th, 2017

Notification of Acceptance
September 2017

Registration Deadline for accepted presenters
September 5th, 2017

Presentation File Submission
September 2017

Congress Presentations
October 17th - October 20th, 2017
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Abstract must be written and presented in English or in French.
- Abstract must not exceed 500 words.
- Proposal can include up to 5 references, total of 150 words.
- Proposal must include 5 key words.
- Proposal must include a short 40-word concept statement answering to the question “At its core, how does your submission propose a transformative future?”
- Each proposal must respond to one of the 108 topics, which can be found listed on the World Design Summit website.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Step 1. Sign-up

- Log on to the submission form, found on the World Design Summit website under “Call for proposals”.
- Create an online profile including a biography and photo of submitter for program promotion.
- Fill all the required fields, including your biography and profile photo, then save.

Step 2. Abstract Submission

- Go to the Proposal Submission Form.
- Choose between Presentation or Session.
- Fill all the required fields and press “SAVE”. (You will be able to view/add/edit your proposal until August 6th, 2017)
- Proposals must be officially submitted by the August 6th, 2017 deadline, 11:59PM ET (UTC-5).
- To officially submit your proposal, make sure to check the “Ready For Review” box at the bottom of the Proposal Submission Form. NOTE: Once you have checked this box, you will not be able to make any changes to your proposal.
- Submissions will only be accepted online via the official website.

Step 3. Confirmation of Abstract Submission

- Acknowledgement of abstract submission will automatically be sent to the submitter via e-mail upon the first save. This letter confirms that the proposal has been saved in the system. NOTE: Your submission will not be reviewed by the WDS Scientific and Professional Committee until you have clicked the box “Ready For Review”.
- Official submission is required by August 6th, 2017.
- It is the responsibility of each individual to verify the acknowledgements and carefully review the submitted abstract.

Step 4. Notification of Abstract Acceptance

- The Scientific and Professional Committee will review all abstracts that are submitted on time and in accordance with the specified format. The Committee reserves the right to reject any proposals which fail to comply with the submission guidelines mentioned above.
- Official notice of acceptance status will be sent for all completed proposals in September 2017.
• After receiving a notification of acceptance, the presenting author (submitter) must register and pay by **September 5th, 2017**. Accepted abstracts submitted by authors who fail to register before the deadline will not be included in the Congress program.
• Accepted presenters are responsible for all expenses involved in their participation, including registration, accommodation and travel.

**THE EVALUATION PROCESS**

We expect a wide variety of work and projects to be submitted. Irrespective of the range and stage of the work described in your submission, we expect the highest standards of clarity, accessibility, and professionalism. Projects will be evaluated in terms of establishing context, explaining methods of inquiry and/or project development, and reporting results. Proposals will be selected using a double-blind review process that will be conducted by an international review panel, including at least one evaluator from academia and one from the profession.

**THE EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**Evaluation criteria are divided in three categories: relevance, quality, and clarity.**

**Relevance**
• How well do the aims or questions presented correspond to the objectives of the World Design Summit?
• Does the core of the proposal satisfy the WDS’s aim of sharing work that is transformative for the future?

**Quality**
• Is the context of the proposal clearly defined in terms of its significance?
• Were appropriate methods of research and/or project development used? Was the design approach used pertinent and/or original?
• Does the proposal report original research and/or project development?
• Are the outcomes, findings, and/or insights clear, and do they logically follow the work presented?
• Does the proposal situate the research or project in contemporary theory and/or issues?
• Do the references and/or precedents cited support the issues or findings (if applicable)? Are there errors of fact?

**Clarity**
• Does the proposal clearly specify the intent, methods used, and outcomes of the work?
• Does the title accurately reflect the content?
• Is the proposal presented in a manner accessible to design specialists from different disciplines?
• Does the proposal conform to the conference style guidelines?
• Is the standard of English or French acceptable?
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

After receiving a letter of acceptance, the submitter/presenter must register for the World Design Summit and pay the Speaker fee to confirm her/his participation in the Congress program.

Speaker fee is CAD$650 and Student Speaker fee is CAD$325 and both include:

- Opportunity to make presentation within the allocated time during Congress (after confirmation of selection by the Scientific and Professional Committee)
- Access to all conferences held in the context of the Congress, from October 16 to 20, 2017 at Montréal’s Palais des Congrès
- Delegate supplies and materials
- Opening Ceremony
- Access to Expo (October 17 to 20, 2017)
- Lunchboxes (3)

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QUESTIONS:

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