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- Posters
- Interactive Forums
- Field Trips

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10 2023 International Conference on Creationism, full-length papers, abstracts, posters, interactive forums,
11 field trips, manuscript style guide

12 13 ABSTRACT

14 This document describes the five types of presentations that can be proposed for presentation at the Ninth
15 International Conference on Creationism to be held on the campus of Cedarville University, Cedarville,
16 Ohio, July 16-19, 2023. This document contains instructions about how to propose full-length papers,
17 abstracts, posters, interactive forums, and field trips for the conference. Please notice that this style guide
18 is formatted according to the ICC style guide to give authors an example of how to format full-length
19 paper submissions. A schedule of deadlines, for all types of proposals, can be found at the end of this
20 document.

21 22 I. INTRODUCTION

23 This document contains author instructions and a style guide for the five types of available ICC
24 presentations for the 2023 conference. The types of presentations are 1) full-length papers, 2) abstracts, 3)
25 posters, 4) interactive forums, and 5) field trips. This document is written in such a way that it will
26 provide instructions to potential authors and serve as a style guide for full-length papers, abstracts, and
27 posters. If you plan to submit a full-length paper, your eventual manuscript drafts should look very
28 similar to these instructions in terms of font, layout, headings, references, etc. Following such a format
29 will ensure consistency between various ICC publications and make it easier for editors and peer-
30 reviewers to process your manuscript. Failure to follow these instructions will likely result in the rejection
31 of your submission.

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33 Please read this manual very carefully, paying close attention to the details. This manual has been
34 provided to aid the author in preparing their proposal and paper and to aid in working with their area
35 editor. The manual is based on past ICC author instructions, but you will find some changes within this
36 guide. If you have questions that don't appear to be answered after reading this manual, please contact the
37 general editor, Dr. John Whitmore at johnwhitmore@cedarville.edu.

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39 The purpose of this manual is multi-fold:

- 40 (1) To provide a baseline for consistent quality in all ICC publications.
- 41 (2) To assist authors in preparing and submitting proposals and papers.
- 42 (3) To encourage authors to work closely with their area editor(s).
- 43 (4) To inform authors of responsibilities and other requirements for a successful presentation.
- 44 (5) A calendar of deadlines (Table 1) is provided at the end of this document.

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

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50 *Submitted proposals and papers should not be submitted elsewhere while being reviewed by the ICC*
51 *editorial staff for inclusion in the 2023 ICC proceedings. All the work in a paper should be original and*
52 *should not have been fully published elsewhere. Review papers are allowed, as long as a similar review*
53 *by the author hasn't been published elsewhere.*

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

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

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

63 **A. Introduction**

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

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74 **B. Step #1. The proposal (due no later than September 30, 2022)**

75 ICC has developed a process to help ensure the publication of quality manuscripts. First, the ICC Board
76 of Directors selects a general editor and a team of area editors. The general editor directs proposals and
77 papers to discipline-specific area editors. The first step in the publication of an ICC manuscript is to
78 submit a proposal of 300-800 words, electronically through links on
79 <http://www.InternationalConferenceOnCreationism.com>. The purpose of the proposal is to create a
80 smaller document outlining the author's intentions and direction before too much time is invested in a
81 paper that the editors of ICC will not be interested in publishing. If a proposal is accepted, the author will
82 then be invited to submit the first draft of a paper. Proposal acceptance does not guarantee paper
83 acceptance. The last date proposals will be accepted is August 31, 2022. Note that this date is very close
84 to the November 30, 2022 due date for first drafts. It is recommended to submit a proposal well before
85 this deadline.

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87 Prepare your proposal ahead of time and include the following information. You will “cut and paste” this
88 information into the website for proposals.

89 1) Primary author

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

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116 Proposals can be submitted between June 2021 and August 2022. If an initial proposal is rejected, an
117 author can revise it and resubmit it, up until the final deadline. You will be charged an additional \$30
118 submission fee for each submitted proposal. Expect about a one-month turn-around time in the review of
119 your proposal.

120 121 **C. Step #2. Submission of the first draft (due no later than December 31, 2022)**

122 After the author has been notified that their proposal has been accepted, the author will prepare and
123 submit the first draft of their paper via an ICC Google Drive link supplied by the editor. The first draft
124 should be ready no later than November 30, 2022, preferably much sooner. Upload your manuscript,
125 tables, and figures as separate files. Your first draft submission should look much like this document: note
126 line numbers, title, author information, abstract, headings, paragraph breaks, font, bold type, etc. The
127 "mechanicals" section of this document explains all of the details. Avoid special formatting as it is
128 sometimes difficult to remove during typesetting. There should be no footnotes, endnotes, page numbers,
129 etc. Line numbers should appear only on the manuscript pages; they can easily be inserted into Word
130 documents using the "Layout" tab. The general editor will determine who the area editor for your
131 manuscript will be and then copy you on that decision.

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133 It is expected that the first drafts of papers will be "polished," of the highest scientific quality, and with
134 little need of grammatical or style revision. It is suggested that authors employ grammar-checking
135 software like Grammarly (there is a free version that works well with Word). Figures and tables should be
136 publication-ready. Try to minimize the amount of formatting in tables; the typesetter will apply

137 formatting as needed to make your tables consistent with other tables in the *Proceedings*. Papers not
138 adhering to the guidelines or in need of great revision will be promptly rejected without sending them to
139 an area editor or peer-reviewers.

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141 **D. The peer-review process**

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

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

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156 We expect the first draft peer-review process to be completed no later than November 30, 2022. Be
157 understanding that some reviews can be completed quickly, and others may take considerable time
158 depending on the complexity of a paper and the availability of reviewers.

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160 **E. Step #3. The final draft (due no later than April 30, 2023)**

161 IF a paper is accepted by the area editor(s) but needs further revisions, it is expected that the author will
162 work with the area editor(s) to complete these changes expeditiously and then submit the changes well
163 ahead of the final deadline in case further changes (or peer-review) are necessary. The editor in
164 consultation with the area editors has final jurisdiction over the acceptance or rejection of each paper.
165 As in the first draft, the final draft should be uploaded into the appropriate Google Drive folder as
166 separate files. The final draft of your paper will be electronically typeset by the general editor and his
167 staff. You will make their job easier by minimizing the amount of special formatting in your paper. In the
168 past, we have run into problems with mathematical symbols and equations; using MathType© or
169 Microsoft Word Equation Editor© may have solved this past problem. The editor may contact you for
170 help with these issues to make sure they appear in your final paper faithfully.

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172 **F. Step #4. Final approval (due no later than May 31, 2023)**

173 The authors will have a final chance to review the typeset paper before publication. Typeset papers must
174 be reviewed and approved by the authors no later than May 31, 2023.

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

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

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

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- 189 1) If the author wishes to pursue the matter, they must inform his/her area editor and the general
190 editor in writing (email) outlining the specifics of his/her objections to the decision against the
191 paper. This must be done ASAP to ensure all deadlines are met.
- 192 2) Shortly after the reception of the author's letter of appeal, the area editor is to submit a copy of
193 all correspondence related to the paper, including peer-review evaluations and the area editor's
194 assessment of the appeal, to the general editor.
- 195 3) Immediately upon the reception of the area editor's package, the general editor will assess the
196 matter consulting with the area editor, and author, if possible.
- 197 4) The general editor has the authority to only affirm the area editor's decision.
- 198 5) If the general editor is unable to concur with the area editor, he/she is to select four other area
199 editors to form an appeal committee to evaluate the matter. The general editor will chair and vote
200 on this appeal committee.
- 201 6) This appeal committee will then cast their votes to either uphold or overturn the area editor's
202 decision.
- 203 7) Upon the final decision, the general editor is to inform both the author and area editor.

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205 It is hoped that this somewhat "bureaucratic" process will maintain the integrity and quality of the
206 *Proceedings*.

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208 **H. Step #5. Presentation at ICC (upload your PowerPoint by June 30, 2023)**

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

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220 The primary author is expected to upload the final PowerPoint presentation in the appropriate Google
221 Drive folder no later than June 30, 2023. This presentation will be the one used by the technical staff at
222 ICC for the presentation of your paper. If you do not send a copy of your PowerPoint, it will be assumed
223 that you will be giving a presentation without visual aids. The ICC technical staff will check your

224 PowerPoint ahead of time to make sure it projects well with the projectors and computers being used at
225 the conference. It might be possible for authors to use their personal computers during the presentation
226 through an HDMI port, but a conference computer can also be used with a thumb drive. Please bring your
227 own adapter devices for the HDMI cable. Most presentation rooms will be typical university classrooms,
228 equipped with a computer, projector, audio speakers, whiteboard, etc.
229 ICC will archive, but not publish or distribute your PowerPoint. It will be the author's responsibility to
230 provide copies of their PowerPoint files to various people only if they wish to do so. PowerPoints will
231 not be posted on the ICC website because they will not be peer-reviewed. An email and physical address
232 will be published with your paper so if people want a PowerPoint they can contact you directly. No post-
233 conference PowerPoints, audio, or video presentations will be available.

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235 The primary author of full-length papers will be allowed to attend the conference at a reduced rate of 50%
236 of the registration fee. We cannot offer any discounts on lodging or meals. All other co-authors will be
237 charged the full amount of the registration fee. Authors are responsible for their own travel costs.

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239 **I. ICC paper mechanicals**

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

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244 **1. Word limit**

245 The maximum number of words allowed in an ICC paper is 20,000. This includes the abstract, text,
246 references, and associated appendices. This word limit can be waived by the general editor under
247 exceptional circumstances when the subject matter requires a lengthier presentation. Most papers should
248 be in the 10,000 to 15,000-word range.

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250 **2. Draft parameters**

251 Papers should be submitted in a single line-spaced (1.0 or 1.15) Microsoft Word document using Times
252 New Roman or Minion Pro 11-point font. Use one-inch margins all around. Add line numbers to your
253 manuscript as in this document. Formatting should be kept to an absolute minimum. Do not embed
254 graphics, tables, figures, or photographs in the text. Do not use footnotes or endnotes. If you have figures
255 and tables, make each a separate file for uploading to the appropriate Google Drive folder. Use only one
256 table/figure per file. Figure and Table captions should be placed at the end of your manuscript file.

257

258 **3. Paper formatting and layout**

259 The body of most papers should follow this order:

- 260 • INTRODUCTION
- 261 • PREVIOUS WORK
- 262 • MATERIALS, METHODS
- 263 • RESULTS
- 264 • DISCUSSION
- 265 • CONCLUSION
- 266 • ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (Optional)
- 267 • REFERENCES

- 268 • NOMENCLATURE (Optional)
- 269 • APPENDIX or APPENDICES (numbered) (Optional)
- 270 • FIGURE CAPTIONS (Use sentence-capitalization for the figure captions)
- 271 • TABLE CAPTIONS (Use sentence-style capitalization for the table captions)
- 272 • FIGURES (upload each figure as a separate file with appropriate numbered file name. Note that
- 273 figure captions should be found at the end of the manuscript.)
- 274 • TABLES (each uploaded as a separate file with an appropriate numbered name; use Word, Excel
- 275 or InDesign to make tables. Try to minimize formatting. Note that table captions should be found
- 276 at the end of the manuscript.)

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278 The main sections of the paper should be in all bold capital letters (i.e., **INTRODUCTION,**

279 **METHODS, REFERENCES,** etc.). Note the Table of Contents in this document as an example of

280 how to outline your paper.

281

282 **TITLE**

283 Titles are often used for identification by readers, libraries, indexing services, and data retrieval

284 services; therefore, keep the title descriptive and brief. Avoid clichés and slang.

285

286 **KEYWORDS**

287 The purpose of keywords is to provide a very rapid classification of the author’s paper. Keywords

288 should be synonyms and closely related words relative to the paper’s topic and classification. Provide

289 no more than 8 keywords and/or brief phrases.

290

291 **ABSTRACT**

292 The title and the abstract of a paper are the first things that a potential reader will see and so these

293 parts of your paper need extra consideration. The abstract is NOT an “introduction” to your paper.

294 The purpose of the abstract is to summarize the purpose, scope, methods, results, and conclusions

295 reached. *Think of the abstract as a concise summary of all the parts of your paper or a “mini-*

296 *paper.”* The abstract is complete only if it can stand alone and adequately describe the paper by

297 providing just enough background information to make the results understandable.

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299 The abstract should be no longer than about 350 words. It is suggested that you write your abstract

300 *last*, to avoid making it sound like an introduction. Most abstracts consist of only one paragraph with

301 7-10 sentences. They will include an introduction, some methods, some data, and a conclusion which

302 highlights the implications of the data. The abstract should not have any references.

303

304 **INTRODUCTION**

305 The introduction begins the paper by providing the background or history of a particular problem that

306 led to the research, experiment, or application described in the paper. The introduction may preview

307 or outline how the material will be presented in the paper (that is, how many studies or experiments

308 will be covered) and it may state the relationship of the subject matter to larger areas of study. Keep

309 the background information as brief as possible, stating only the aspects relevant to the paper. Do not

310 rewrite any previous studies. Consider including a *brief* summary of previous Creation research in

311 this section and how your paper is related to or adds to, work that has already been done.

312 **BODY OF PAPER**

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

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

- 323 • Does the body provide enough information to convey the intended point(s)?
324 • Is unnecessary material included?
325 • Has the material been divided into main headings and sub-headings, and do these divisions
326 emphasize the important points of the paper? Do the sub-headings support the main headings?
327 • Is the subject matter developed logically? Is it free from gaps and discontinuities?
328 • Has the best possible use been made of graphs, charts, photographs, and line drawings, and are
329 the illustrations well prepared for reproduction?
330 • Do the facts presented adequately support the conclusion?

331
332 **CONCLUSION**

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

341
342 **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** (optional)

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

347
348 **REFERENCES**

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

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

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362 **APPENDIX** (optional)
363 Lengthy descriptions of apparatus or complex equations and derivations not essential to the
364 understanding of the paper should be included in an appendix. Identify appendices as **APPENDIX A**,
365 **APPENDIX B**, etc., with a brief descriptive title. Example,

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367 **APPENDIX A: Maxwell's equations in integral form**

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

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

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371 Make numbered lists of figure and table captions at the very end of the manuscript. The headings can
372 simply be "Figure captions" and "Table captions."

373 374 **4. Important miscellaneous formatting items**

- 375 • Do NOT place page numbers in the text.
- 376 • Do NOT use footnotes or endnotes
- 377 • Do NOT indent the beginning of paragraphs. A paragraph is identified by a blank line between
378 sections of text.
- 379 • Indent only quotations of 40 or more words in a freestanding block of typewritten lines, and omit
380 the quotation marks.
- 381 • Every equation should be formatted in italics using MathType© or Microsoft Word Equation
382 editor©. All special fonts should be free of copyright restrictions. Each equation should be
383 numbered e.g. (1), (2), etc., and can thus be referred to as such in the text. Always follow an
384 equation or set of equations with an explanation of its symbols. Exceptions are very simple or
385 universally known equations that may be included in the text e.g., $E = mc^2$.
- 386 • The units for the fundamental dimensions are called fundamental or base units. ICC papers
387 should use the SI system. The SI system is the modernized version of the metric system, and the
388 abbreviation SI is for the French same **S**ysteme **I**nternationale d'Unites. In the SI system
389 METER, KILOGRAM, SECOND, AMPERE, KELVIN, and CANDELA are the base units for
390 the six fundamental dimensions of length, mass, electric current, temperature, and luminosity,
391 respectively. For more information on the secondary units refer to:
 - 392 ○ U.S. National Bureau of Standards Specification, Publication 330, 1971.
 - 393 ○ Kraus, J.D. & Carver, K.R. (1973). *Electromagnetics* (pp. 1, 2). New York, New York:
394 McGraw Hill.
 - 395 ○ *The Chicago manual of style* (2006) (15th edition, chap. 14). Chicago, Illinois: University
396 of Chicago Press.
- 397 • Using SI units means that °C must be used and not °F; cm, m, and km, not in., ft. and mi.

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400 **5. Languages other than English**

401 All fonts used should be supplied on submission of the manuscript where languages other than English
402 are incorporated within the manuscript. It is the author's responsibility to ensure that the typeset PDF file
403 is a true and accurate image of the language used and that all fonts supplied are free of copyright
404 restrictions.

405

406 **6. Illustrations and tables**

407 Full-color photographs and diagrams are invited. These must be of high quality and against a background
408 that produces the greatest amount of contrast. All figures, photos, tables, graphs, etc. should be delivered
409 as separate files with appropriate captions and figure numbers. The typesetter for the conference will
410 insert your figures and tables in the appropriate places. Use only one figure per page. Choose resolutions
411 and font sizes that will allow your media to be clear and sharp on standard size paper (8.5 x 11.0 inches).
412 In most cases, resolutions of 300 dpi are sufficient. For images, use jpg or tif files. For line illustrations,
413 tif files work better. Keep in mind that jpg files will usually be smaller in size and less cumbersome to
414 work with.

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416 Try to be consistent with the fonts that you use throughout your figures and illustrations. It is suggested
417 that you use relatively "plain" fonts in your illustrations (like Calibri, Myriad, or Arial).

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419 Within the text refer to figures and tables as "Fig. 1, (Fig. 2), Table 1," etc. At the beginning of a figure or
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423 References are to be collected at the end of the paper and listed alphabetically. All references that appear
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427 ***a. reference format***

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547 She stated, “The ‘placebo effect’ . . . disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner” (Miele
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551 Miele (1993) found that “the ‘placebo effect,’ which had been verified in previous studies, disappeared
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699 the conference. Your poster will be displayed during the entirety of the conference in a poster hall. There
700 are no registration discounts for authors presenting posters.

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702 **V. INTERACTIVE FORUMS (make a proposal no later than March 31, 2023)**
703 The ICC Board of Directors wishes to provide an opportunity for groups of scholars to discuss ideas with
704 one another. Interactive forums provide this opportunity. We are looking for forum moderators who wish

705 to submit an idea, organize, and lead such forums. There is no set format for forums. They might consist
706 of formal paper and abstract presentations, panel discussions, round table discussions, interdisciplinary
707 interactions, etc. Forums might address a particular topic or problem or seek to begin to solve a particular
708 problem within a discipline.

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710 Potential forum moderators need to make a proposal through the ICC website no later than March 31,
711 2023. The moderator needs to supply a topic, potential participants, a time length (1 to 4 hours), and a
712 description of what is to be accomplished. The ICC Board of Directors will meet in May of 2023, along
713 with the area editors to choose and establish the schedule for forums.

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

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722 **VI. FIELD TRIPS (proposals due no later than March 31, 2023)**

723 Cedarville University is close in proximity to many excellent museums, zoos, aquariums, parks, and
724 attractions that ICC participants might want to visit. We are looking for moderators to organize and lead
725 group field trips. Field trips need to be proposed no later than March 31, 2023, according to Table 1 on
726 the last page of this document. The Board of Directors will select field trip sessions early in May so ICC
727 attendees can sign up for the field trips in advance. Field trips can occur before, during, or after the
728 conference. Field trip moderators will need to organize transportation, meals, entrance fees, etc.

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

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735 **APPENDIX: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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

