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**Deadline**  
Friday  
4th May

## Abstract Guidelines

### The World Refining Association invites you to submit an abstract for ERTC 2018.

All of the abstracts submitted will be sent to our Advisory Board to be graded. Early submission is important to ensure sufficient time to review the abstracts. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submission is free; however successful abstracts are subject to a speaker registration fee.

#### We're calling for papers in these areas:

- Refining-Petchem Integration and New Routes to Olefins
- Refinery Configuration and Conversion Technologies
- Advances in Biofuels, Co-Processing & Alternative Fuel Production
- Catalyst Advances
- Digitalisation Technologies
- Operational Excellence & Margin Improvement
- Energy Efficiency & Environmental
- Process Optimisation & Design

#### All the abstracts will be graded based on the following themes:

##### Innovation

- Novelty/vision
- Originality
- Exclusivity
- Potential for impact in the industry

##### Relevance

- Evidence of operating experience
- Regional relevance, practicality and operability
- Strength of validation
- Quality of presentation
- Industrial case studies with valuable lessons learned
- Clear takeaways and realised benefits
- Imminence of interest

#### Additional recognition will be given to co-presented client case studies

- If successful a client co-presenter is mandatory and as such prior to submission all relevant approvals, clearance and availability to attend must be in place



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**To ensure that your abstract receives the best possible chance of selection and success, we kindly ask you to follow these guidelines:**

- Abstracts should be 200-500 words, written in English and submitted in the Microsoft Word template provided (**download here**)
- Prior to submission all relevant approvals, clearance and availability to attend must be in place.
  - Any issues must be outlined when the abstract is submitted
- If the abstract has been presented previously, details of when and where need to be provided in the template
- If at the time of the abstract submission the speaker is known please include details and a short biography (maximum 75 words)
- The relevant call for paper topic area must be noted in the submission. Please note that abstracts submitted outside of these topic areas will not be considered
- We welcome and encourage multiple submissions but these should not be within the same topic area as they will compete with themselves

### If accepted:

- You will be notified week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- A draft version of the presentation will be required by 5<sup>th</sup> October for review by the advisory board who will check the content for relevance and commercial content. Please note sales pitches are not allowed and you will be asked to re-submit.
- Presentations must not exceed 16 slides and be prepared in line with our presentation guidelines which will be distributed upon notification of acceptance
- Your final confirmation is subject to a speaker registration fee
- Unfortunately we receive a lot of papers and to maintain the quality, we are unable to accept all papers. But don't worry! There are many other ways to get involved - email **Rosie.Brewster@WRAconferences.com** for more information.

### Key Deadlines:



**CALL FOR PAPERS OPEN** – 12th February 2018

**CALL FOR PAPERS CLOSE** – 4th May 2018

**ADVISOR GRADING BEGINS** – 7th May 2018

**RESULTS ANNOUNCED** – 28th May 2018

**SUBMIT DRAFT PRESENTATION** – 5th October 2018

**FINAL PRESENTATION** – 16th November 2018

**We look forward to receiving your abstracts!**