



## 2020 Call for Abstracts 34<sup>th</sup> Annual International Radon Symposium™

The 2020 International Radon Symposium™ is calling for presentation abstracts from members of the scientific and medical communities, radon analytic, measurement and mitigation professionals, educators, housing and financial industry leaders, policymakers and public policy advocates, consumers, and others. The Symposium will occur November 2-4 at the Grand Hyatt Downtown in Nashville, TN.

**Abstracts:** Abstracts should clearly convey in 150 words or less, the essence of the intended presentation indicating the contribution it will make to the knowledgebase of the radon community. [Click here for a template](#). Abstracts that do not follow the format will be returned. Examples of previously accepted work may be found at: <http://aarst-nrpp.com/wp/symposium-proceedings/>

**Content of Abstracts:** Presentations regarding but not limited to - new original research, empirical or applied, on radon risk, radon measurement, radon mitigation, radon-resistant new construction, analytics, risk communication, and similar topics are especially encouraged, including abstracts from related scientific, engineering and health-related disciplines. We also welcomes presentations on effective methods of conveying essential radon messages to target audiences, reducing risk for low-income families, marketing and expanding radon professional services, enacting and implementing new public policy, demonstrations of radon technology, and similar activities to further the radon profession and transfer of information.

**Abstract Codes and Categories** – with *some*\* suggested sub-topics of interest:

### [Research \(Track I\)](#)

**RA - Analytic Methods/Results**

**RC - Cost-Effectiveness of Strategies** – mitigation, new buildings, policies, program options

**RD - Data Collection, Analysis and Mapping**

**RH - Health Risk Assessment** – residential case-control studies, other epidemiologic studies

**RM - Mitigation Methods/Results** – vapor intrusion, water, commercial, challenging buildings

**RNC - Radon Control in New Construction**

**RR - Radon and Radioactivity** – health physics, dosage

**RS - Sources** - new materials and material studies

**RT - Testing/Measurement Methods/Results** – QA/QC, devices, large buildings, water

**RZ - Other Research Topics**

### [Practice/Policy \(Track II\)](#)

**PBD - Biz Development** – radon professional marketing, advertising/media, customer outreach

**PLR - Legislative/Regulatory Policy** - homebuyer/tenant notification, testing of schools/childcare facilities/homes/workplaces, licensure via certification, licensing regulations, working with legislators and regulators

**PRC - Risk Communication** - target audiences, risk/asset management messaging, free/earned media

**PLI - Risk Reduction for Low Income Families** - mitigation partnerships, public housing, funding

**PNC - Radon Control in New Construction** - builder-mitigator partnerships, code adoptions, training

**PRP - Radon Profession** - capacity, AARST chapters, certification/training

**PSP - Strategic Partnerships** - Tribes, government, health care providers, realtors, media

**PTD - Technical Demonstration** – mitigation and measurement methods

**PWS - Worker Safety** - for mitigation/measurement professionals, workplace radon exposure

**PPZ - Other Practice and Policy Topics**

\* abstracts do not need to fit the suggested sub-topics

**How to Submit an Abstract:** Abstracts must be submitted to [symposium@aarst.org](mailto:symposium@aarst.org) by April 1, 2020. It must be in MS-WORD (.doc or docx) or another text document format (no .pdfs) attached to the message. Abstracts must adhere to the template provided. The title shall indicate the abstract category code and the last name of the author. Please specify a requested amount of presentation time including a brief question-answer period if desired (i.e. 20 or 40 minutes). Abstracts that do not adhere to the instructions will be returned.

**Review and Acceptance:** Research abstracts will be screened for acceptance by the AARST Editorial Board; Practice/Policy abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee and AARST National. Submissions will be confirmed upon receipt, indicating the review process timeline. Authors are notified of acceptance or rejection by May 1, 2020. Acceptance is a necessary condition for delivering an oral or poster session at the Symposium. AARST National will determine the amount of time allotted based on the number of presenters and topics being presented. Speakers who intend to present based on an accepted abstract must register for the Symposium by no later than August 1, 2020.

**Research Papers:** Each author of an accepted research abstract will be invited to submit a full paper to be considered for publication in the 2020 AARST Symposium Proceedings. Such papers must be received by September 1, 2020. Submittals by an author who has not registered for the Symposium by the August 1st deadline will not be considered. The refereeing of research papers is separate from, and independent of, the reviewing of the abstracts; the Proceedings is a peer-reviewed publication. Authors will receive grammar and syntax rules (rubrics) along with their abstract acceptance by email. Authors are solely responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for published material. Authors will be notified if their paper has been accepted for publication by October 1, 2020. Papers are published after the symposium.

**All Presentation Submissions:** Persons whose abstracts have been accepted will receive presenter guidelines with notice of acceptance, including information about how to submit slide presentations. AARST retains the rights to publish all slides on the AARST website for purposes of public dissemination, unless the presenter specifically withholds permission to AARST.

To submit questions about abstract submittal and related matters, contact: [symposium@aarst.org](mailto:symposium@aarst.org)

*The Symposium will make every effort to schedule oral presentations for eligible submitted abstracts but reserves the right to combine presentations, designate abstracts for poster sessions, and include invited presentations to deliver a diverse and effective program.*