



Call for abstracts

The 2011 AVPC conference will be held at Dockside, Level 1, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

The conference will comprise symposia on focussed topics. To date, the following symposia have been planned:

- Human-Wildlife conflicts: Integrating ethics, animal welfare and science
- Indigenous Wildlife Management
- Camel Management
- Detecting and eradicating invasive fish
- Assessing and managing risks of exotic animals
- Commercial use of wildlife (inc pests)
- Maximising impact through social science
- Managing wild dogs
- Community involvement in vertebrate pest control
- New Tools and Methods in Pest Control
- Wildlife management and fertility control
- Island Eradications
- Managing environmental pests
- Open Sessions

You are invited to present a spoken paper or poster. Spoken papers are offered for 15 minute presentations. The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 28 2011.

A prize will be offered for the best student paper. Only full-time students eligible. Proof of student status may be required.

Abstracts are to be submitted via the online abstract submission through the AVPC website – <http://www.avpc.net.au/>

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Abstracts will be reviewed prior to acceptance and may be edited. Potential speakers and presenters of posters will be notified of acceptance by March 20 2011. Please note that final acceptance is conditional upon registration of presenters. The Conference committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses.

For all queries, please contact the Conference Organiser email avpc@onqconferences.com.au or telephone (02) 6161 9024.

For queries regarding the program, please contact the Program Coordinator, Glen Saunders, email glen.saunders@industry.nsw.gov.au

DEADLINE DATES

Closing of Abstract Submissions - 28 February 2011

Abstracts under review - 28 February 2011- 18 March 2011

Authors notified of acceptance - 20 March 2011





FORMAT FOR ABSTRACTS:

AUSTRALASIAN VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL CONFERENCE, SYDNEY, JUNE 2011

All text in Times Roman, 12 point font.

Abstract to be a maximum of one page, no exceptions.

Page to appear as follows:

Title: UPPERCASE, BOLD, CENTRED

Authors: Lower case, centred with speaker highlighted in bold.

Addresses: Single spaced, centred, multiple authors identified by superscript number, also matched to speakers' names, keep addresses shortened where possible. Speaker or senior author email address can be included if desired.

ABSTRACT:

Lower case, single spacing. Use double spacing between paragraphs if required. Sub headings, tables, figures and references to be included within the one page limit. Text for these remains in 12 point eg.

NATIONAL GUIDELINES AND RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR MANAGING PEST BIRDS

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There are over 100 bird species from Australia and New Zealand that can cause significant losses to fruit, nut, grain, rice and aquaculture industries, create conflicts in urban areas, damage infrastructure, reduce aesthetic values, and pose risks to the environment and to human health (Smith et al. 1977). Despite numerous concerns raised by industry and the general public there is very little objective advice and few simple, universally applicable solutions available. Pest bird research programs have traditionally received limited funding and lacked the capacity to comprehensively assist with management decisions where problems occur. Cooperation between federal, state and local government, universities, private organisations and industry is imperative to ensure practical solutions are pursued and limited resources are used effectively. We support the need for national guidelines for managing pest birds and propose future directions for research. To allow land managers to effectively manage pest birds, support is needed to improve our ability to predict patterns of bird movements and damage, develop simple techniques for estimating the extent and severity of damage, assist in economic decision-making, improve the adoption of strategic management, reconcile legislation and responsibilities for managing pest birds and increase the cooperation and commitment by industry and government. Although specifically aimed at reducing the impacts of birds to Australian horticulture, the principles, strategies, management techniques and research directions proposed in the draft national guidelines are applicable for dealing with most pest bird situations in Australasia. The initiatives adopted to encourage cooperation between organisations and to ensure direct involvement by land managers are discussed.

References:

Smith, J., Jones, E., and Alias, F (1977). Bird pests of Australia and New Zealand. *Wildlife Research* 50: 217-223.

