Types of presentation and session at RSS Conference

Keynote speakers / Plenary sessions

There are usually up to seven plenary sessions during the conference (usually lasting one hour) including named lectures such as the Campion (President's Invited) Lecture and the Significance Lecture. These sessions feature keynote speakers from across the spectrum of statistics and data science and can also include panel discussions.

Invited topic sessions

These sessions run for 80 minutes and are selected by the RSS Conference Board from the proposals submitted to them by the relevant deadline (18 November 2020) and then allocated to a conference stream. Any individual or organisation can submit a session proposal. Invited sessions can take any format and may involve several different speakers on related topics. They run in parallel with other invited sessions.

Contributed talks

These are selected by the Conference Board from the abstracts submitted by the relevant deadline (6 April for 2021). Anyone can submit an abstract. These talks are allocated 20 minutes each (including time for questions). There are usually 3 talks to a session which lasts one hour and runs in parallel with other contributed sessions.

Rapid-Fire talks

These talks are five minutes in length with a restricted number of slides and no questions or discussion. For 2021 we are also offering rapid-fire presenters the option of presenting a poster on the same topic. Again, these are selected by the Conference Board from the abstracts submitted by the extended deadline for rapid-fire talks (7 May) and will be organised into sessions that run in parallel with each other. Anyone can submit an abstract and can specify that they wish their abstract to only be considered for a rapid-fire talk but other abstracts may also be allocated to these sessions.

Posters

Posters (in A0 portrait format) are usually displayed for the duration of conference in the exhibition hall at the conference venue. There will be organised viewing times for the posters – in 2021 there will be a reception on the Tuesday evening but posters can remain on display throughout Wednesday and Thursday so they can be viewed by attendees at other break times and allow judging to take place for prizes presented at the conference dinner. Anyone can submit an abstract and can specify that they wish their abstract to only be considered for a poster presentation but abstracts submitted for a talk may be allocated a poster instead. There is an extended deadline for poster submissions - 1 July for RSS 2021.

Workshops

Short informal workshops and training sessions (60-80 minutes) aiming to provide bite sized continual professional development opportunities. Any registered attendee can attend these workshops which are within the Professional Development stream of the main conference.

Society business

There are number of sessions during the conference at which Royal Statistical Society business is conducted including the Annual General Meeting and the Awards Ceremony. All conference attendees are welcome to attend these meetings unless otherwise stated.