

RSS 2026 Conference Bournemouth

Guidelines for Contributed talk presentations

All contributed speakers will have up to a maximum of 20 minutes for their presentation including time for questions/discussion

Each contributed session will consist of 3 talks, and the conference organisers will appoint a chair for each session who will be rigorous in applying the above timings.

Pre-conference

Presenters need to submit their final presentation, ideally in either powerpoint or pdf format* to the conference team (conference@rss.org.uk) by Thursday 3 September.

We appreciate that it is not always easy to finalise a presentation in advance of the conference, but we need sufficient time to check in advance that the presentation loads properly and also to get all presentations allocated to the correct equipment in the right rooms.

Please note that the conference includes over 300 talks and there will be a small team of RSS staff and volunteers dealing with all the sessions, so your cooperation is appreciated.

It is of course advisable to bring a backup copy of the presentation with you to the conference.

*** if you need to use a different format or your own laptop, please advise of this in advance**

If you do not wish to use slides at all that is fine but again please let us know in advance.

In preparing your slides you are asked to consider the following requirements:

They should be formatted in 16:9

The file should be named in the following format:

Day of presentation-AM or PM- First name-Last name

Please use hyphens between each word: **Tuesday-PM- Rebecca-Smith.pdf**

If you plan to have any video or sound clips within your presentation **or** wish to connect to the internet during your presentation, please advise the conference office in advance of the conference – **and no later than 7 August**.

PLEASE NOTE that all contributed talk presenters must complete the online registration process for the conference and must settle any balance prior to the conference. Any queries regarding registration or your presentation should be directed to the RSS Conference office (conference@rss.org.uk).

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At the Conference

If you do need to make amendments to your presentation after your arrival at the conference you should go to the **Speaker Preview Desk in the Windsor Hall Bar Area** (located on the ground floor of the BIC behind registration).

Please DO NOT leave this until the last minute!

Please note you will NOT be able to load your presentation yourself in the allocated room.

You will be able to join the discussion at conference via the conference app (joining instructions will be sent a few weeks prior to conference to all those registered) and via Bluesky. Post with the hashtag #RSS2026Conf and follow the conference at <https://bsky.app/profile/rssannualconf.bsky.social>

SOME GUIDANCE ON SLIDES

If you are using slides:

Your audience will appreciate a carefully prepared and clearly presented talk.

Please remember that the conference covers a wide range of statistical interests, so not everyone attending your talk will be familiar with the background to your topic. Make sure that technical terms and mathematical notation are clearly explained, and that your **slides are easy to read and understand**.

Please don't cram too much detail onto a single slide as it makes it very difficult for the audience to read and digest.

You are strongly encouraged not to include too many slides in your presentation – we believe that for this length of presentation a maximum of 15-20 slides is appropriate.