

How to organize a session at ICLRS

What is an important landfill topic? Can we benefit by having the leading experts on the topic together, sharing their findings, and discussing how to advance our understanding? Advances in landfill research depend on us finding people to organize good sessions on important topics.

If you have identified a theme that you would like to develop in the ICLRS format, the next step is to outline the session goal. What do you want to achieve? Recommendations for future research? Protocols for ensuring quality research? Exchange of data? Development of a framework for modelling? The formation of a new co-operation?, et c.

Then think about the progression of issues to discuss in order to attain the session goal. Submit that outline to the symposia organizers for feedback. Remember that all participants will have submitted a poster, and so there is no need for researchers to go into all the details of their research.

After that you can invite those that you believe can give inputs along the way and have a dialogue with them concerning their input, its content and format. If you need additional contacts, you can consult the organizers. Closer to the symposium there will be a list of abstracts, and you might find people studying something relevant to your session in that list, and can include those suitable ideas as well.

Finally, you need to schedule and decide how to manage the session, i.e., if you want to have a continuous flow of brief presentations, breakouts, debate format, or just spontaneous discussion, etc. Please keep to the 1.5 hour time slots of the meeting.

Your purpose is the most important part of the planning process, the rest follows. Just keep in touch!