

2nd Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Virtual Symposium
Emerging Research and Case Studies

January 6-7, 2022

**Submission Deadline: ~~Friday August 27th 11:59 PM Central Time.~~
EXTENDED to Friday, September 10th, 2021, 11:59pm Central Time.**

The Algal Bloom Action Team, a collaboration of water professionals, researchers, and educators from 12 states in the North Central Region of the United States, invites you to submit an abstract to the second Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Virtual Symposium. The symposium will feature emergent harmful algal bloom (HAB) research and provide a venue for moderated discussions regarding HAB research, outreach, and how information dissemination can be improved.

Team members include the national network of Water Resources Research Institutes (WRRI), the North Central Region Water Network and university Extensions within each state in the North Central Region. The Algal Bloom Action Team was a recipient of the Outstanding Regional Collaboration Achievement Award from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals for its first Annual Harmful Algal Blooms Symposium in 2021. Conference attendance for 2021 included over 800 professionals across the United States.

More information about the Algal Bloom Action Team can be found here:

<https://northcentralwater.org/habs/>

Presentation Abstract Information

The Symposium planning committee is specifically interested in science-based presentation abstracts that address harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the North Central Region of the United States. States include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Accepted presentation abstracts must address at least one of the following topic areas:

- Human Health and HABs
- Animal Health and HABs
- Monitoring, Identifying, and Ecology of HABs
- Preventing and Treating HABs

Presentations are scheduled to be 35-minutes. The agenda is planned to have two sessions per day. Each session will feature three presentations and conclude with a Q&A panel discussion with the session presenters.

Review Criteria

Presentations will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Is the abstract a science or data-driven approach to understanding harmful algal blooms?

- Does the abstract address HABs topics in the North Central Region? See listed states above.
- Does the abstract address innovative, novel ideas that are new advances in the topic?
- Does this topic have interest/applicability to Extension and other HABs-related professionals?

Abstract Submission

Proposals will be submitted through **Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit**. No submissions will be accepted via email to conference organizers. Please read the instructions below for completing the submission process. Incomplete submissions or submissions sent directly to planning committee members will not be considered.

Microsoft CMT Instructions

1. Go to <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/HABS2022>
2. Select "Create Account" and fill out the requested information to register
3. Once you are logged in, follow the below prompts to create your submission.
4. Select "Create New Submission"
5. Select "HABs Presentations" for presentation submission
6. Enter the title and abstract
7. Select "Add" under the Authors section to add additional **co-presenters**, if any
8. Select applicable Subject Areas
9. Answer additional questions
10. Select submit

For questions regarding the program or submitting an abstract through CMT, please contact: Amy Weckle, aweckle@illinois.edu.