



## A CALL for Presenters and Papers Tracking 2008

### 8<sup>th</sup> Tracking Symposium of Practicing Trackers

October 10,11,&12 2008

Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center near Appomattox, VA USA

Hosted by Wilderness Discovery

Sponsored by the International Society of Professional Trackers



Come and share your progress in tracking techniques, education, evaluation, ongoing research, and what you or your organization has to offer the world of tracking. This is a planned 2+ day symposium that will include many opportunities to listen to and talk with other trackers, as well as spend time in the field demonstrating and examining tracks and sign.

Subjects are requested to be on substantial, original, and unpublished research on all aspects of tracking. Presentation topics can include but are not limited to the following:

#### WILDLIFE SCIENCE

- New Concepts Or Studies On Animal Gaits/Locomotion
- Animal Bio-Mechanics
- Applications and Research
- Environment/Species Specific Topics

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

#### TRACKING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Defining "Tracking"
- Sign Interpretation
- Training And Tracking Evaluation Criteria
- Educational Methods

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Devices or Techniques to Enhance Tracking
- Track Acquisition
- Speculative Tracking
- Signcutting Techniques
- Recording Systems/Information Retrieval
- Drawing

#### ANTHROPOLOGY

- Foundations/History Of Tracking

#### HUMAN COGNITION

- Reasoning and Deduction
- Vision And Perceptions
- Imagination and Creativity
- Intuition
- Aesthetics

#### SEARCH AND RESCUE

- Shoe Design
- Studies On Human Gaits/Locomotion
- Studies On Subject Behavior
- Human Bio-Mechanics
- Tracking Tactics
- Search Management

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Tracking For Forensic Investigation
- Casting And Recording Devices
- Tracking In Urban Environments
- Handling Evidence

#### MILITARY Applications

We can accommodate approximately 100-175 trackers participating in this year's symposium.

Watch for information about attending *Tracking 2008 in October* - visit [www.ispt.org](http://www.ispt.org)

- *Individuals who have been extensively published in the field of tracking may request presentation approval without completion of the proposal process by contacting the Program Committee directly.*
- *Please refer to the end of page three of this document for presentation contact information.*

We expect a submission of an abstract by all prospective presenters. An abstract is a concise summary of your proposed presentation. An abstract makes it possible for readers to quickly find out the content, so they can decide whether they wish to attend your presentation. The abstract may be the only version of your presentation that possible attendees will ever read. Accepted abstracts will be reproduced to form a marketing stimulus for the perspective attendees to read and will be distributed by mail and electronically to potential attendees. It is therefore essential that the original abstract is of high quality. For an abstract to be useful, it must be carefully written otherwise readers are left without important information. Your Abstract can be submitted electronically (preferred) MS Word Doc, PDF format, or mailed in.

Please send a copy your abstract **Part One** (not to exceed 300 words) with **Part Two** to the address on the next page. Please separate your personal information from your Abstract. Do not to include any identifying information, as abstracts will be reviewed “blindly” by the ISPT Program Committee prior to the notification date. July 15

*Please complete and submit one copy of the following “two-part form”*

*1- Abstract and 2- Personal and Presentation Proposal .... Submit separately for each proposed presentation \**

**Part 1 Abstract Here**

**Abstract Title:**

**Abstract Body:**

*Do not list any identifying information on this page or inside your abstract, as abstract review will be “blind”  
Names and affiliations are kept separate.*

The following review criteria will be used for your abstract, having approximately the same weight:

**Overall Significance**

**Scientific/Practical Merit**

**Quality of Presentation.**

**Part 2 Personal Information and Presentation Form:**

**Key Presenter:**  
And contact person

**Organization :**  
(if applicable)

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

**Co-Presenter:**

**Organization:**  
(if applicable)

**Address:**

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**A: Title of Presentation, Program, or Paper** \_\_\_\_\_

**B: Check all that apply:**

<b>I WISH TO PROPOSE A DOCUMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SYMPOSIUM MATERIALS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	However, I will <b>not</b> be attending Tracking 2008
<input type="checkbox"/>	And I <b>will</b> be attending, but do <b>not</b> wish to publicly present my paper(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>will</b> be attending and I wish to be a part of the program with a presentation of my paper(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>will</b> be attending Tracking 2008 and I wish to be a part of the program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a previously published author and I wish to speak on what I have already published
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a previously published author and I wish to be considered for the "Keynote Speaker" designation
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a previously published author and I wish to be considered for inclusion on a panel discussion

(\*Please Refer To Attached Manuscript Guidelines For More Information Regarding Paper Submission)

**C. Format :**

Presentation Session:

<input type="checkbox"/>	¾ Hour	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-Hour	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 ½ -Hour
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Explain:				

**D. Location :**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Indoor Program/Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mix (Some indoor lecture, Some Outdoor Field Program)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Program (Fair Weather Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Explain Below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Program (Rain Or Shine)		

**E. Equipment Needed :**

<input type="checkbox"/>	PC/MAC Projection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flip Chart
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dry Erase Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify Below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overhead Projector		

*Completed Two-Part Proposal Forms PLUS your Abstract must be received by May 1, 2008*

**Important Dates** (Items must be postmarked by dates indicated below)

- ◆ Two-part Proposal Forms and Abstract Due: **May 1, 2008**
- ◆ Notice of Proposal Acceptance: **July 15, 2008**
- ◆ Final Manuscripts Due (if applicable): **September 10, 2008**
- ◆ Presenter Symposium Registrations Due: **September 20, 2008**
- ◆ Tracking 2008 Symposium: **October 10-12, 2008**

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## Language of the Symposium

The language of the conference and of the Proceedings is English. For presenters or authors whose first language is not English, it is advised that a native English speaker be employed to make a thorough edit of the entire presentation notes or manuscript. Since at this conference we are using one language for communication between people who may speak many different languages, we should all be as diligent as we can to present our ideas in the clearest possible way.

**ALL Presenters  
must Register EARLY.  
Payment can be postponed,  
but registration is  
imperative.**

## Symposium Publications

It is the intent of ISPT to publish and distribute copies of all presentation manuscripts to all participants.

**New this year, all presenters that provide a manuscript or presentation (on disc) with their early registration will benefit by having their registration fees waved.** We reserve the right to reprint, duplicate, and distribute as needed. Proceedings of the Symposium consisting of manuscript papers and programs selected for presentation will be published by ISPT and will be available at the Symposium to all attendees. All papers will be published in a special publication for this symposium. Whereas the copyright of the abstract is transferred to ISPT for this publication, the copyright of the manuscript will remain the author's. Abstracts of accepted papers will be available on the web, but the manuscript will only be available to attendees in this limited publication and in subsequent duplication for resale.

## Manuscript Submission

Those who cannot attend this year's symposium to make a presentation or those presenters who wish to have a paper included with the conference materials may submit a manuscript for review by the ISPT Conference Committee. To submit a manuscript: 1) Complete and mail the above two-part proposal form. 2) Upon notification from the ISPT Conference Committee of abstract acceptance, submit a completed manuscript using the following guidelines:

## Format of Manuscript

For all categories, any "non-published" presenter should submit a manuscript for inclusion in the proceedings (publication of all papers). Authors should submit their papers, not to exceed 3000 words (including figures and references) either electronically or in hard copy. Papers should include a copy of their abstract that they had 'accepted' ... attached to the front of the manuscript. Papers outside of the 'guidelines' are subject to rejection without review. The recommended length of papers is 6 pages; poster summaries and slide - talk descriptions may be substantially shorter.

**Style:** For all papers should be Times New Roman font, 14 point, single-spaced. The title, authors and affiliations should be centered at the top of the first page, followed by the main body of the text in 2 columns.

**Graphics:** Figures, tables and digitized photos should be embedded in the submitted word processor document. They may take up one column of the text, or be placed at the top or bottom of a page, spanning the entire width.

**Margins:** If using U.S. 8.5"x11" format, top = 3/4", bottom = 1/2", left = 3/4", right = 1"

**If using A4 format, top = 20mm, bottom = 30mm, left = 20mm, right = 20mm.**

Those submitting by hard copy should send two copies of the paper. Papers in electronic form can be in any of the following formats: Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Rich Text Format (RTF) or plain text (.txt).. Submissions in electronic form are preferred. If attached to an E-mail, files should be zipped if size exceeds 2 megabytes.

## Manuscript Content

- ◆ **Title:** The title should be in bold capital letters, centered at the top of the first page, followed by a blank line.
- ◆ **Authors:** The names of the authors and organizations should be centered across the page, followed by a blank line.
- ◆ **Text Body:** The subsections of the main text are up to the author, and depend on the type of paper (conceptual, research study, technical report, etc.). The main text should end with Acknowledgments, References (numbered in text in square brackets, with citations in the form: author, title, journal, volume and number, pages, year), and Author Address & contact information

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