

ASPAC 2019

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The 2019 Asia Pacific Network of Science and Technology Centres (ASPAC) 2019 conference, with the theme of “Science: Make the future you want!” will be hosted by Queensland Museum, in Brisbane, Australia from the 4th to the 6th of September 2019.

Submissions are now open for this exciting annual conference.

Professionals and practitioners from across Science Centres and Museums, STEM industry, learning and research organisations are encouraged to submit papers and attend the conference, to collaborate, connect and generate new ideas about how we can collectively maximise the impacts of science communication and build better futures for our communities.



Proposals are invited around the following themes and topics:

Science: Make the future you want!

Day 1: Valuing the past to inform the future.

- Indigenous ways of knowing and other knowledge systems – appreciating science in the context of culture.
- Place, object, story, relevance – understanding the richness and pace of systems through collections and research.
- Emotion and academia – Connecting the delight, wonder, and beauty of science with the methodical, empirical evidence.
- Changing access to information – what is the value of hands-on science centres in the digital age?

Day 2: Current and emerging trends in science engagement.

- Putting the 'I' in 'Science' – Creating visitor-centred inquiry learning experiences and exhibitions.
- Everyone loves STEM - How do science centres remain leaders in the changing landscape of easily accessible STEM engagement?
- Evaluating STEM engagement and building on what works – how do we measure impact, and how do we use this information to grow?
- Successful failure – How do science centres promote confidence in risk taking and embracing of the unexpected outcomes that come with scientific exploration?

Day 3: Creating a collaborative future.

- Building relationships with the mentors and multipliers – how do we effectively engage parents and carers?
- Measuring and selling the value of science: Best practices for working with partners and sponsors.
- Meeting people where they are – STEM outreach and diverse programming for our diverse audiences.
- Science communication – building trust in science?

Proposals are welcomed for full sessions, curated panels, demonstrations, activations, performances and workshops. If submitting more than one proposal, please propose each session as a separate abstract.

An abstract submission form is attached. Please complete and submit by 29th March 2019.

All correspondence/abstract submissions should be directed to ASPAC@qm.qld.gov.au

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane!