

# HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT AND PAPER ON ConfTool

#### General

The ConfTool System is used for handling paper submissions, the review process, and participant registration. You have to create a **user account** in order to use any facilities of the system.

#### Create a ConfTool User Account

To **create a user account**, go to the ConfTool login page <a href="https://www.conftool.net/icsoba2023/">https://www.conftool.net/icsoba2023/</a> and follow the "**Register new**" link under "First time here?". After filling in the required fields of the Web form (marked by asterisk '\*'), a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you with your account details. Please provide valid name, address, and email address, since these will be used later for sending you relevant information about your submission.

You do **not** have to create a new user account for **each** paper you submit. The **same user account can be used for multiple submissions and for participant registration**. If you are already a registered user, please use that account for your submissions, too.

## Login to the ConfTool System

After having obtained a user account, you can **log in with your username and password** under "**Registered Users**". If you have **forgotten your password**, a new one can be obtained through the "Forgotten your password?" link.

Depending on the phase of the submission, review, and registration process, you will see different options after logging in. If you have already submitted papers, you can always access the list with your submissions and see their status.

For all subsequent operations you need a user account and will have to log in first.

#### Submit a New Contribution

Select "Your Submissions" (see image 1) and select "Full Paper Submissions".



Image 1. Submit a new contribution.

Please enter all required details for your contribution into the submission form (marked by asterisk) (see image 2) and proceed.

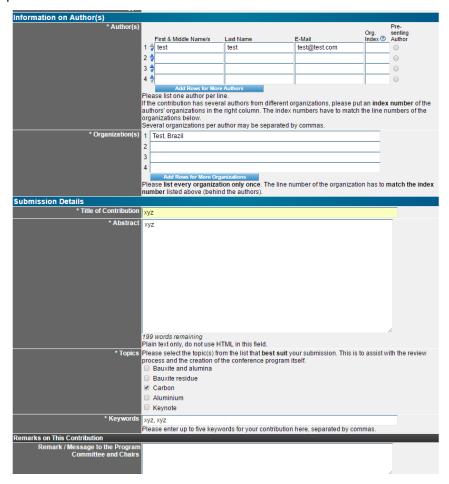


Image 2. Submission form.

At this step you can save your submission and upload your files later (see red box) or Upload your 3 files or one of the files, according the "Author Guidelines and Paper Template" and "Presentation Template". At the end press "upload files and complete submission (see green box).

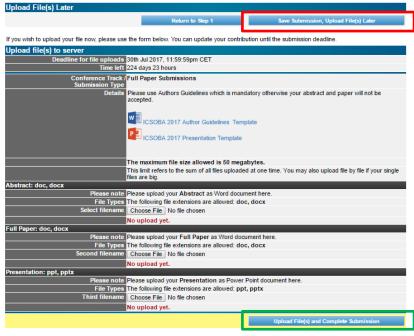


Image 3. Submission form Step 2.

A paper number will be assigned to your submission, please use this number for further reference.

### **Update Contribution Details**

**Until the submission deadline**, you can **update** your contribution details, **upload new versions** of the manuscript, or **withdraw** the contribution. The last uploaded version at the time of submission deadline will be considered for review, unless the contribution is withdrawn (see image 4).

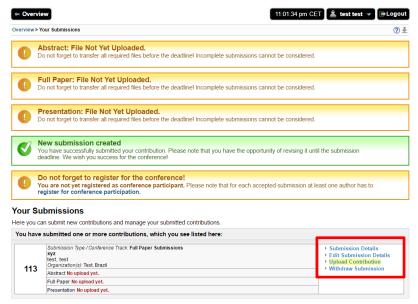


Image 4. Update submission.

When you upload your contribution, you will see the windows as per Image 5. There are the 3 files needed for your contribution, Abstract, Full Paper and Presentation. You can upload only doc, docx for Abstract and Paper, ppt or pptx for presentation. The maximum file size allowed is 50 megabytes (This limit refers to the sum of all files uploaded at one time. You may also upload file by file if your single files are big.) If a file is already uploaded you will see the corresponding date and time of this upload (Bahrain time- the time at the conference venue). If you want to upload a new version of a file you have to proceed as for a new file. Just choose the newest file and after press "Upload Files".

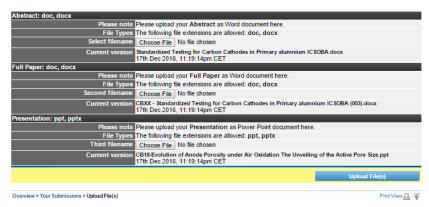


Image 5. Upload contribution.

The updated file will be the last version, whether the upload is made by the author or by the reviewer, but the previous versions will be kept as historical record.

## **Register for Conference Participation**

For each accepted paper at least one presenting author has to register for conference participation.

**Participant registration** is also handled via the ConfTool system. If you already have a user account, click on "**Register as Participant**" in the main menu to start the registration process.