APPITA

FutureProof 2026
APPITA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Shaping the future of fibre based industries

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HYATT PLACE MELBOURNE
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GUIDELINES FOR POSTER PAPERS

Poster papers are an integral part of the **FutureProof 2026 Conference,** providing a platform for researchers, innovators, and industry practitioners to showcase new ideas, technical advances, and practical solutions. Displayed in the exhibition area throughout the event, posters offer a highly visible way to share knowledge, stimulate discussion, and connect with delegates in an informal and interactive setting.

Display & Timing

- Poster papers will be displayed in the exhibition area of the conference for the duration of the event (**Wednesday 25 March – Thursday 26 March 2026**).
- Presenters must ensure posters are displayed **before 8:00 am on Wednesday 25 March**. Set-up time is **7:30 am – 8:00 am** on the same day.
- Posters must be removed by **5:00 pm on Thursday 26 March**. Appita cannot accept responsibility for posters not collected after this time.

Effective Posters

The most successful posters are graphically rich, visually clear presentations that highlight and summarise the main points. Presenters are encouraged to engage with delegates during poster sessions, expanding on details in person.

Best Poster Prize – FutureProof 2026

All posters presented at FutureProof 2026 will be considered for the Best Poster Prize. This award recognises:

- Outstanding technical content
- Clarity of presentation
- Ability to communicate complex ideas concisely and effectively

Judging will be conducted by a panel appointed by the Appita Program Committee. In the spirit of the **Jasper Mardon Memorial Prize**, which honours technical excellence in conference papers, the Best Poster Prize highlights the next generation of innovation and knowledge-sharing in our industry.

Criteria:

- **Innovation:** Degree of technological advancement and originality
- **Impact:** Potential influence on the pulp and paper industry
- **Presentation:** Clarity, design quality, and accessibility of the poster
- **Relevance:** Alignment with themes of process improvement and optimisation in pulp and papermaking

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Schedule

- Poster Sessions: Held during conference breaks on both days.
- Poster Viewing & Presentation: Presenters are required to be available at their posters during lunch breaks to answer questions and discuss their work.

What Should a Poster Presentation Include?

- Title, all authors, and their organisations at the top.
- A clear structure: introduction, goals, experimental details, conclusions, and references.
- Explanations for each graph, image, or table.
- Scientifically rigorous content: sound methods and conclusions supported by data.
- **Not commercial in nature** – posters deemed to be promotional or sales-driven will not be accepted.

Poster Formatting Guidelines

- All text must be in English. Non-native speakers are encouraged to have text proofread.
- Use minimal text; prioritise graphs, tables, and images. Colour is encouraged.
- Focus on illustrating a single scientific theme or point, rather than detailed discussion.

Size, Fonts, and Colour

- Poster size: **ISO A0** (84 cm wide × 119 cm high / 33 in × 47 in).
- Minimum font sizes:
  - Title: **160 pt**
  - Body text: **36 pt** (double-spaced, serif font e.g. Times New Roman)
  - Authors: **25 pt**
- Ensure strong colour contrast. Avoid red/green combinations to assist colour-blind viewers.
- Posters must be printed in **high resolution** and not exceed the A0 size limit.

Display Boards

- Display boards are approximately **1800 mm high × 1200 mm wide**, free-standing.
- Position your poster at a comfortable viewing height.
- Use Blu-Tac or Velcro fasteners (to be supplied by the presenter).
- Appita staff will be available for assistance.