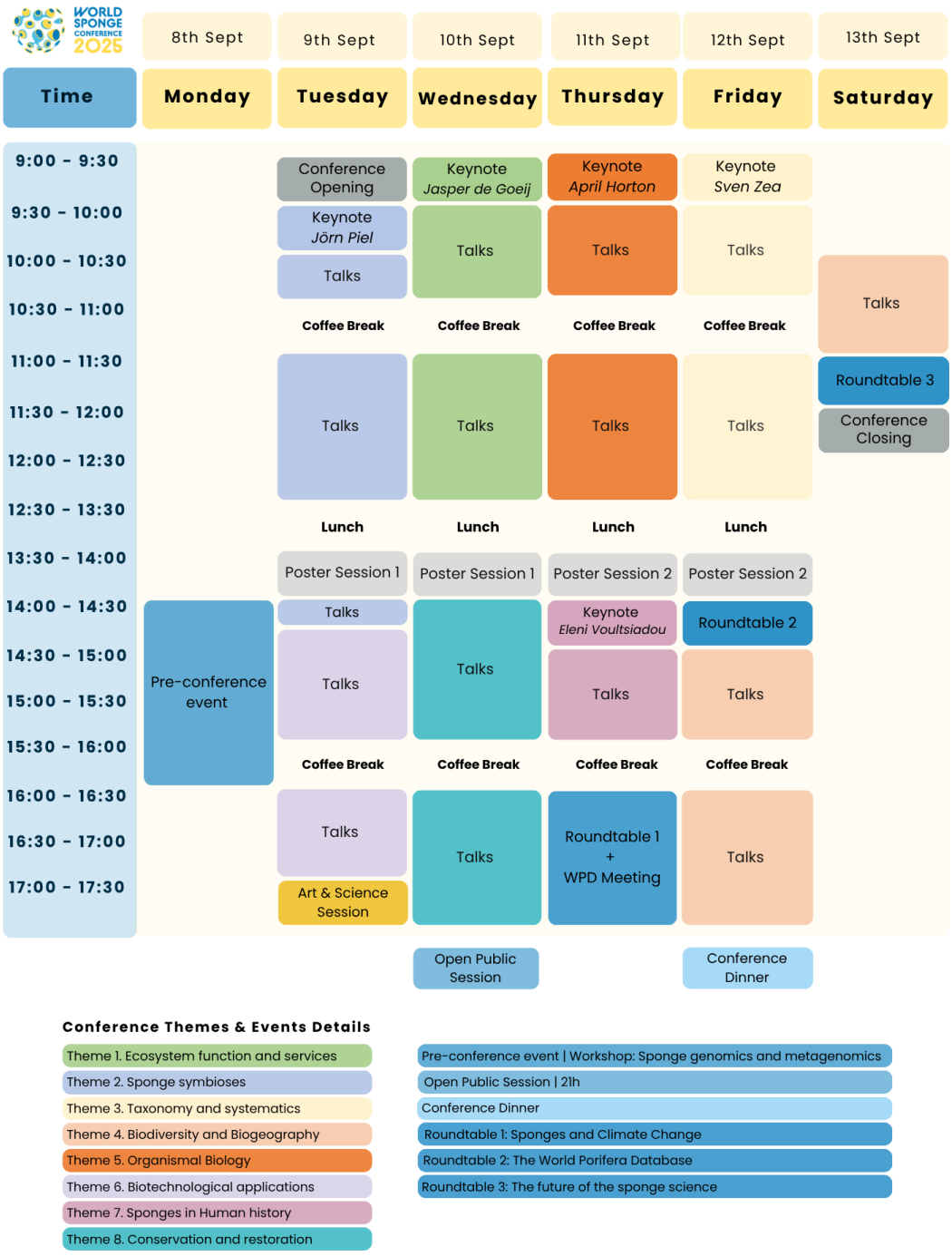
Guidelines for presenters

Please follow the guidelines below when preparing your oral and poster presentations for the upcoming WSC. Any questions you may have, feel free to reach out to the organizing committee at WSC2025@ciimar.up.pt. Thank you!

WSC general program



Note: Please visit the website to access the detailed conference agenda.

Presentation Formats

Communications in the WSC will follow four main formats:

- **Keynote talks** - 25 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of Q&A.
- **Oral communications** - 10 minutes followed by 2 minutes of Q&A.
- **Flash talks** - clusters of 3-minute talks, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A at the end of each session.
- **Poster presentations** - during dedicated poster sessions lasting 30 minutes. Each poster will be displayed for two consecutive days (Tuesday-Wednesday or Thursday-Friday).

All oral presentations will take place in the main conference room (ground floor), while posters will be displayed in the exhibition room on the building's 1st floor.

Presentation Submission Guidelines

All presentations must be prepared in **PowerPoint format** (.ppt; .pptx) with slides sized for **on-screen show (16:9)** and sent using OneDrive, WeTransfer, Dropbox or similar file-sharing services.

- **Send your file to:** wsc2025@ciimar.up.pt
- **Deadline for submission:** by 01/09/2025
- **Email subject:** 12WSC_Presentation_Submission_Theme<Number>
  (e.g., 12WSC_Presentation_Submission_Theme2)
- **Filename format:** Theme<Number>_<Session Format>_<presenter's LastnameFirstname>
  (e.g., Theme8_OralCommunication_SmithJohn)

Important notes:
Please be aware that there is **no Wi-Fi available in the Main Conference Room**, and as such, hyperlinks to online content will not work. Therefore, if your presentation includes videos, audio, or any other embedded media, we recommend sending a .zip file containing the PowerPoint and all related files to ensure proper playback. This is also advisable for single PowerPoint files to prevent any formatting issues.
To ensure everything runs smoothly, the local organizing committee and the theatre technical support team will test all presentations in advance. For this reason, we kindly ask that all presentations be submitted no later than 1 September - late submissions **will not be accepted**.
Please find below the full list of presentations and formats organized by theme.

Suggestions for presentation slides

1. Be aware that **wifi is not available** in the main conference room. Avoid hyperlinks to online sources during your presentation.
2. To maximise projection capacity, please **format your slides using 16:9**

3. Use standard, easy-to-read fonts such as Calibri, Arial and Sans Serif. Avoid using too many different fonts.
4. Choose palettes suitable for colour-blindness where possible (see more here or here).
5. Use a minimum font size of 18 and a minimum spacing between lines of 1.15.
6. Use high-resolution image formats such as PNG, SVG, or TIF.
7. Split lots of information across several slides to avoid overcrowding.
8. Ensure a strong contrast between text and background
9. Use a plain background for improved readability

Posters Guidelines

Please bring your **poster printed** as no printer service is provided in the conference venue. Posters should be delivered when **registering for the conference** on 09/09/2025. The required format is **A0** in **portrait** orientation (118.9 x 84.1 cm).
Note: If you plan to print your poster in Vila do Conde, please be aware that printing A0 format is only available at Staples Vila do Conde, and delays may occur if demand is high.

Suggestions for posters

1. Use standard, easy-to-read fonts such as Calibri, Arial, or Sans Serif. Avoid using too many different fonts
2. Use a minimum font size of 24 and a minimum line spacing of 1.15
3. Choose colour palettes suitable for color-blindness when possible (see more here or here)
4. Align text to the left for better accessibility for dyslexic readers
5. Use high-resolution image formats such as PNG, SVG, or TIF
6. Apply heading styles to improve content navigation
7. Leave ample white space between text and graphics
8. Ensure a strong contrast between text and background
9. Use a plain background for improved legibility
10. For longer texts (too large to display on a poster), generate a QR code linking to the full content

WSC presenters' list

Theme 1. Ecosystem function and services	
Keynote speaker	Jasper de Goeij
Oral Communication	Dana Milena Liendo Roggia
Oral Communication	David Amptmeijer
Oral Communication	James Bell
Oral Communication	Janie Wulff
Oral Communication	Marie Derrien
Oral Communication	Nicole de Voogd
Oral Communication	Tanja Stratmann
Oral Communication	Ulrike Hanz
Flash Talk	Christopher Freeman
Flash Talk	Emma Novak
Flash Talk	Ludi Parwadani Aji
Flash Talk	Rohde Sven

Theme 2. Sponge symbioses	
Keynote speaker	Jörn Piel
Oral Communication	Tal Idan
Oral Communication	Sofia Paraskevopoulou
Oral Communication	Bettina Glasl
Oral Communication	Berta Pintó
Oral Communication	Marta Turon
Oral Communication	David Ngugi
Oral Communication	Ute Hentschel
Flash Talk	Francesca Strano
Flash Talk	Adena Collens
Flash Talk	Detmer Sipkema
Flash Talk	Malcolm Hill
Flash Talk	Marie Rutsch
Flash Talk	Almudena Álvarez Fernández
Flash Talk	André C. Pereira
Flash Talk	Preeti Antonetta Pereira

Theme 3. Taxonomy and systematics	
Keynote speaker	Sven Zea
Oral Communication	Christine Schönberg
Oral Communication	Dirk Erpenbeck
Oral Communication	Joana Sandes
Oral Communication	Marie Grenier
Oral Communication	Niels van der Windt
Oral Communication	Paco Cardenas & Julio A. Díaz
Oral Communication	Swee-Cheng Lim
Oral Communication	Thomas Turner
Flash Talk	Alex Liu
Flash Talk	Anisa Toska
Flash Talk	Dorte Janussen
Flash Talk	Isabella França-Lima
Flash Talk	Maria Eduarda Santos
Flash Talk	Matheus Vieira Lopes
Flash Talk	Pelayo Baragaño González
Flash Talk	Sara Emilly Pereira

Theme 4. Biodiversity and Biogeography	
Oral Communication	Anita George
Oral Communication	Carles Galiá
Oral Communication	Carlota Gracia
Oral Communication	César Ruiz
Oral Communication	Claire Goodwin
Oral Communication	Dana Goldwasser
Oral Communication	Eduardo Leal Esteves
Oral Communication	Laura De la Cruz Castillejo
Oral Communication	Maria Cristina Diaz
Oral Communication	Robert Cassidy
Oral Communication	Tom Morav
Oral Communication	Toufiek Samaai
Flash Talk	Linnet Busutil
Flash Talk	Alfredo Marchiò
Flash Talk	Camille Leal
Flash Talk	Javier Cristobo
Flash Talk	Markos Digenis
Flash Talk	Nisit Ruengsawang
Flash Talk	Thanos Dailianis
Flash Talk	Tze Ning Orczy Wan
Flash Talk	Ulisses Pinheiro
Flash Talk	Verity Nye
Flash Talk	Yen-Huei Li
Flash Talk	Yuji Ise

Theme 5. Organismal Biology	
Keynote speaker	April Horton
Oral Communication	Cole Easson
Oral Communication	Elena Voronezhskaya
Oral Communication	Jose María Lorente-Sorolla
Oral Communication	Kseniia Skorentseva
Oral Communication	Lars Kumala
Oral Communication	Manuel Maldonado
Oral Communication	Raz Marom
Oral Communication	Sally Ley
Flash Talk	Amanda Kahn
Flash Talk	Andrey Lavrov
Flash Talk	Daniele Stillitani
Flash Talk	Elena Andronova
Flash Talk	Emilio Lanna
Flash Talk	Florian Moeller
Flash Talk	Vanessa Ho
Flash Talk	Yulia Kraus

Theme 6. Biotechnological applications	
Oral Communication	Anita Kubiak
Oral Communication	Benedicta Ngwakum
Oral Communication	Hermann Ehrlich
Oral Communication	Marina Pozzolini
Oral Communication	Megan Conkling
Oral Communication	Subhash Yadav
Flash Talk	Emmanouela Vernadou
Flash Talk	Marcela Loy Martinez
Flash Talk	Pere Ferriol
Flash Talk	Serena Federico
Flash Talk	Zineb Souiba

Theme 7. Sponges in Human history	
Keynote speaker	Eleni Voultsiadou
Oral Communication	Amanda Suzzi-Simmons
Oral Communication	Ana Sofia Soares
Oral Communication	Donat Petricioli
Flash Talk	Caterina Longo
Flash Talk	Tatjana Bakran-Petricioli

Theme 8. Conservation and restoration	
Oral Communication	Andrea Corral Lou
Oral Communication	Bárbara Ribeiro
Oral Communication	Bobbie Renfro-Price
Oral Communication	Gabriela Wood
Oral Communication	Inês Gregório
Oral Communication	Jan Vicente
Oral Communication	Jordi Grinyó
Oral Communication	Megan Russell
Oral Communication	Vasilis Gerovasileiou
Oral Communication	Xenia Sarropoulo
Flash Talk	Andia Chaves Fonnegra
Flash Talk	Barbara Graham
Flash Talk	Joana Xavier
Flash Talk	Marina Biel
Flash Talk	Noah Alexander Gorman
Flash Talk	Stephanie Archer