



AUVSI Pathfinder 2024 Symposium Technology Track Speaker Guidelines

I. Introduction

In accordance with the following guidelines governing the Technology Speaking Track for the AUVSI Pathfinder Symposium at the Von Braun Center, 26-28 August 2024, the undersigned hereby makes an application for speaking in the event's Technology Speaking Track. By agreeing to speak, the speaker agrees to abide by all guidelines as set forth in this agreement or as may be specially designated by AUVSI Pathfinder. Failure to abide by such guidelines could result in the forfeiture of future opportunities to speak on either the Technology Track or Main Stage.

II. Background

During the 2024 AUVSI Pathfinder Symposium, opportunities to speak on an auxiliary stage (separate from main stage) will be offered. These opportunities will be available in four separate sessions throughout the symposium. The Technology Speaking Track will be divided into two separate sessions – Tech and Industry. See the sections below for the guidelines associated with each session. The audience will be open and may have non-US citizens. All presentations will be released to registered symposium attendees via the AUVSI Pathfinder Symposium website, <https://auvsipathfinder.com>, unless otherwise indicated by presenter. By agreeing to a speaking slot on the Technology Track, the presenter consents to photograph(s) or electronic media.

A. Tech Session

The Tech Session is designed to provide attendees with the opportunity to discuss fundamental or applied research topics. Tech session speakers are limited to technical presentations only. Therefore, their presentations should NOT include any product marketing. Interested speakers are required to submit a 250-word abstract that pertains to their topic. These abstracts must be submitted to speakers@auvsipathfinder.com before July 19, 2024, at which time, an AUVSI Pathfinder reviewing committee will assess and select Tech Session speakers. A submission of an abstract is not a guarantee for a speaking slot. Furthermore, abstracts submitted after the June 28th date may be excluded from consideration. Selected speakers will be notified by email by July 26, 2024. Selected speakers must provide their PowerPoint presentation by August 9, 2024.

The Tech Session will abide by a 10-minute presentation time limit with 4 minutes for Q&A.

B. Industry Session

The Industry Session is designed to provide exhibitors and sponsors with a platform to have a product-focused presentation. Speaking slots will be given on a first come first serve basis after full payment based on time availability. Though these presentations are designed to be open-topic and product-focused, all Q&A must be directed to exhibit booths or off-stage discussion. Interested parties must contact AUVSI (speakers@auvsipathfinder.com) to register for their spot as well as send any presentation material (PowerPoint) before August 16th.

The Industry Session speaking slots will abide by an 8-minute presentation time limit.