



Call for Session Proposals Submission Guidelines

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Learn how to submit a session proposal for these formats:

1. Symposia
2. Panels
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Call for Session Proposals Overview

The Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) welcomes the submission of quality and original food science and technology research and programming for presentation at IFT18.

Scientific Program Goals

IFT will continue and expand upon its long-standing history of offering the best and most comprehensive food science educational program by:

1. Providing cutting-edge, top quality scientific research and programming by leading food science professionals and researchers.
2. Offering relevant research and programming on key focus areas facing food science professionals, consumers and the industry.
3. Presenting both basic and transformative research and applied science.
4. Maximizing the attendee value through interactive learning formats.

An accepted session honors the scientific and scholarly achievements of the presenters and helps contribute to the growth of the food science and technology field. IFT appreciates all who submit proposals and looks forward to another successful year.

Benefits of Presenting?

Each year sessions attracts thousands of food industry professionals to gather and share information about the latest scientific developments, the newest innovations, and the latest trends.

On average, more than 15,000 individuals are eligible to attend the scientific and applied sessions. News articles highlighting content of these sessions reached more than 383 million people through IFT press releases and media placements alone in YEAR.

Session Proposal Submission Guidelines

This section provides information to session organizers planning to submit a proposal for consideration for IFT18. Successful proposals must incorporate quality factors listed below.

Submission Process

Session organizers will need to submit a full proposal form for review. This includes complete session descriptions, learning objectives, confirmed presenters, presentation titles and descriptions. This submission process will allow the Annual Meeting Scientific Program Track Team Reviewers and Advisory Panel to make informed decisions when reviewing and selecting proposals.

As with 2017, session organizers are required to identify presenters in the proposal submission site by entering presenter name and email address. Presenters will automatically be notified at that time that they are listed as a presenter in your proposal. Presenters will have the opportunity to update their contact information and personal biography, as well as review and edit presentation details you have drafted in the proposal form.

Session Quality Factors

IFT reserves the ultimate right to select session proposals submitted for review by each key focus area and core science track based on quality factors including, but not limited to:

- Scientific merit
- Relevancy to the food science industry
- Multiple and varied presenters from different organizations
- Innovation
- Multidisciplinary focus (for key focus area tracks)
- Delivery interaction
- Practical application of educational content
- Relevance to track's focus and topical priorities, and
- Pertinence to target audience(s)

Any session proposal submitted not meeting the quality factors will not be selected.

Submission Deadline

October 30, 2017
by 4 pm CST

Acceptance Notifications Sent to Organizers

January 22, 2018

Session Tracks

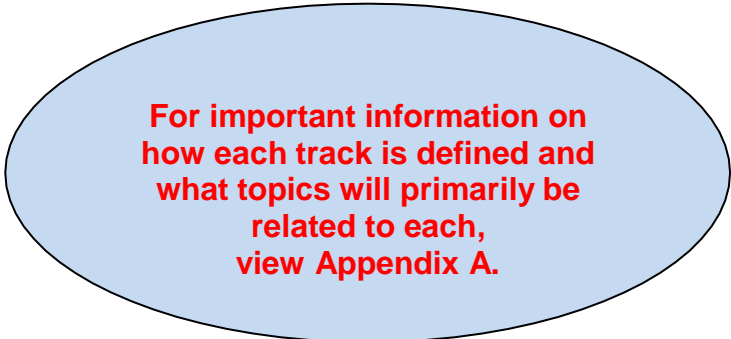
Sessions are organized and evaluated in key focus areas and core science tracks.

Key focus area tracks are:

- Food Safety & Defense
- Food, Health & Nutrition
- Food Processing & Packaging
- Sustainability
- Product Development & Ingredient Innovations
- Public Policy, Food Laws & Regulations
- Professional Development
- Teaching & Learning

The core sciences tracks are:

- Food Chemistry
- Food Microbiology
- Food Engineering
- Sensory Science



For important information on how each track is defined and what topics will primarily be related to each, view Appendix A.

Session Formats

Individuals may submit a proposal for one of the following session formats:

- Symposium
- Panel
- Workshop
- Roundtable
- Primer Session



For more information on each type of session format view Appendix B.

Session Length

Sessions are typically 90 minutes in length (this includes introduction and question and answer time). If the subject matter requires additional time, submitters will need to organize the presentations into two parts and submit them as such. Primer sessions should cover fundamentals, allowing an opportunity for attendees who may not have a full understanding of the topic to learn basics. Primer sessions are 60 minutes in length.

Session Presenters & Moderators

Session organizers should have confirmed presenters at the time of submission. The presenter names will need to be included in the session proposal along with their presentation title and description. It is the organizer's responsibility to select the best presenters who are knowledgeable and effective communicators.

Presenters will automatically be notified by email as they are added to the proposal. They will have the opportunity to update their contact information and personal biography, as well as review presentation details you have drafted in your proposal form.

Confirmed moderator information will also be collected during this submission for session proposals.

Session Presenter Limit & Flexible Presentation Times

Sessions should have no more than five presenters in a 90-minute session. Three presenters are the ideal number to achieve maximum attendee interaction and allow for presenters to explain their topical area in depth. All sessions begin with a 5-minute period of introductory remarks by the moderator followed by a presentation or series of presentations. The amount of time presenters speak will vary and is customizable (i.e. 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or 45 minutes). Session organizers will need to indicate in the submission the length of time each presenter will have. Primer sessions are 60 minutes in length and should have no more than three presenters due to the shorter session time. It is recommended that the presenters not all be from the same company or organization.

Presenter Affirmations

All presenters identified in session proposals will be asked to complete a series of affirmations to let IFT know if the session is accepted, the presenters are aware of the important deadlines, and that they will follow standard presenter protocols.

There are a few affirmations that presenters do not have to accept, such as giving IFT the right to audio or videotape the presentation and distribute the PowerPoint slides in PDF format.

See Appendix D for exact affirmations.



Session Proposal Review Process

Session proposals will be reviewed upon the close of the Call for Proposals October 30, 2017.

Session Proposal Review Process

Session proposals will be reviewed by IFT members for each key focus area and core science track. Each track review team is comprised of experts involving related divisions and other IFT members. During the submission process, you will select one track as the primary track in which the focus of your proposal best aligns with as well as a specific subtopic in that track which is most relevant to your proposed session. A second track may also be selected if the proposal relates to more than one key focus area/core science area. The Annual Meeting Scientific Program Advisory Panel (AMSPAP) reviews each submission to verify it has been submitted to the correct track. If the advisory panel feels the submission is better suited to a different track, IFT will re-categorize the submission review and will notify the session organizer of the track change.

The complete proposal submitted through the submission site will be used to evaluate the session's merit. After review, IFT will notify confirmed presenters and provide a timeline of information that will need to be collected.

For more information on the dates associated with this process, refer to the Critical Dates Overview section of these guidelines.

Session Submission Process Summary

Below is a detailed step-by-step process on how to submit a session proposal.

Refer to Appendix C for a checklist of information that will be collected during the submission process.

Proposal Submission

1. From July 17 through October 30, 2017 session organizers will be able to complete the online session submission form available at <https://www.iftevent.org/>. (This is the current IFT annual event web site.)
2. **Review the checklist of questions/fields that are required for submission in Appendix C.** This will enable submitters to prepare their session proposals prior to submitting online if they prefer.
3. Brainstorm emerging, scientifically sound and cutting-edge topics related to the key focus area or core science tracks. **Refer to Appendix A for detailed information about descriptions of each track and topics requesting to be addressed via the call for session proposals.**
4. Identify innovative learning strategies to maximize the impact of your proposed session (i.e. case studies, scenario-based exercises, workshops, panel discussions, roundtables, etc.)
5. Collaborate with divisions and members who may have expertise or interest in this session. Key focus area track sessions are intended to be multidisciplinary.

Contact or join a division at connect.ift.org/home

6. Talk to prospective presenters to gauge their interest. Session organizers **must** confirm presenters and hold the dates of IFT18 from July 15-18, 2018 in case the submission is accepted.
7. Confirmed presenter names and contact information; presentation titles and descriptions; presenters' qualifications and biographies are required at time of submission. "TBD" is not an acceptable response on the submission form and your proposal will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.
8. All session proposals are due no later than October 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. **No late submissions will be accepted.** All submissions must be completed online through Planstone (the online submission tool).
9. Session organizers will be notified of the status of their submission by January 22, 2018.

Presenter Affirmations

1. By January 22, 2018 session presenters will be notified of the accepted session for which they have been confirmed. Presenters will be asked to:
 - Confirm acceptance to present– **please check your junk or spam folder for your confirmation if you do not receive an email in your inbox**
 - Verify presenter details e.g. contact information, biography, affirmations

Confirmations will be due by February 19, 2018.

2. By June 22, 2018 presenter PowerPoint presentations must be uploaded electronically; details for this process will be sent after acceptance notifications.

Right of First Refusal



IFT reserves the right to publish the accepted abstracts in a Book of Abstracts, on the IFT website or both. Authors are not required to submit papers for publication. Papers should not have been published prior to IFT18. The right of first refusal applies to all research, science and technology abstracts/papers presented at IFT18. Authors are encouraged to submit their papers for consideration in IFT's publications—the Journal of Food Science (JFS), Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety (CRFSFS), the Journal of Food Science Education (JFSE), and Food Technology. To learn how to submit your paper to an IFT journal, please visit the Author Corner at <http://www.ift.org/knowledge-center/read-ift-publications/journal-of-food-science/authors-corner.aspx>. To submit to Food Technology, contact Bob Swientek at bswientek@ift.org. Call the IFT Publications Office at 312-782-8424 for further information. Those who do not wish to publish their papers in IFT publications but rather other journals should also contact Bob Swientek to request permission.

Presenter Reimbursement Policy

IFT is extremely appreciative of the hard work, dedication and expertise presenters provide each year. Without this help the Annual Meeting would not be a success.

Reimbursement for Presenters

IFT has limited funds to support select presenter travel. Honoraria are not supported. All fund allocations will be determined based on the criteria listed below and will only support economy class travel and housing costs. IFT members are not eligible to receive reimbursement. Criteria used when allocating funding is as follows:

- Non IFT member (or lapsed member) and would not otherwise be an IFT member
- Presenter must be from a non-profit organization, NGOs, government or academic institutions
- The unique content of the presenter's proposed presentation

IFT reserves the right to limit funding to individuals based on set rates for travel and accommodations dependent on the number of requests received. A required question in the session submission will ask if you would like any of your presenters to be considered for travel funding.

Waived registration may be available to presenters who are not IFT members and would not otherwise be an IFT member. Waived registration requests must be emailed to amsp@ift.org by April 13, 2018.

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions during the session proposal submission process, with references to additional information in this set of guidelines.

1. When is the deadline to submit session proposals?

Session proposals are due by October 30, 2017 by 4:00 pm Central Standard Time. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

2. How are IFT divisions recognized in my submission if I worked directly with one or more divisions to develop my session proposal?

On the session submission form, organizers can select up to five IFT divisions to which your proposal most closely relates. Division members of each division selected will review the proposal to determine if in fact the proposal should be associated with that division.

Note: All divisions listed with accepted sessions will be given equal recognition.

3. Can I make changes after the session proposal submission deadline?

No. After the deadline, submitters will not be allowed to make changes.

4. When will I hear if my session proposal was accepted for presentation?

Submitters will be notified by January 22, 2018.

5. Does submitting a session proposal guarantee acceptance?

Unfortunately, it does not. Session proposals are peer-reviewed by track review teams (IFT members) based on the quality factors outlined in these guidelines. Any sessions submitted not meeting the quality factors will not be selected.

In some cases, session proposals that satisfactorily meet these requirements will also not be selected due to limited program space and the higher quality of competing session proposal submissions.

For detailed information refer to the Session Quality Criteria on page 4.

6. What is the review process for submissions?

Session proposals are peer reviewed by track review teams. Each proposal averages 50 reviews using the quality criteria listed in these guidelines.

7. If submitting a session proposal does not guarantee acceptance, how do I handle asking potential presenters?

When organizing a submission proposal, it is important to contact potential presenters, discuss your ideas, assess interest and note the possibility that it may be selected as a session. It is common practice of scientific, medical, professional, business trade and technology association conferences to not guarantee acceptance prior to the proposal's review. It is also industry standard to collect pertinent information (e.g., proposed presenter names, topics, descriptions) so that reviewers can make an informed decision. Individuals who are used to speaking typically understand that many factors may influence whether a session is ultimately accepted or not.

8. Do session presenters have to submit their abstracts to the *Journal of Food Science* for publication?

Yes. Submission of an abstract to IFT18 indicates that the authors agree to give IFT the first opportunity to publish the work (right of first refusal). Authors are encouraged to submit their papers for consideration in any of IFT's publications—the *Journal of Food Science* (JFS), *Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety* (CRFSFS), the *Journal of Food Science Education* (JFSE), *Food Technology* or books. To learn how to submit your paper to an IFT journal, please visit the Author Corner at <http://www.ift.org/knowledge-center/read-ift-publications/journal-of-food-science/authors-corner.aspx>. To submit to *Food Technology*, contact Bob Swientek at bswientek@ift.org. Call the IFT Publications Office at 312-782-8424 for further information. Those who do not wish to publish their papers in IFT publications but rather other journals should also contact Bob Swientek to request permission.

9. How do I submit a session proposal?

Review the "[Session Submission Process Summary](#)" section of these guidelines for more information and the respective appendices. Visit <https://www.iftevent.org/> (current annual event web site) to access the Call for Proposals web page. Please note there are separate submission types depending on if you are submitting a session proposal or Technical Research Paper (Poster abstract). *Refer to each submission guidelines for more information on the separate application process for the various proposal types.*

10. What if I am having technical difficulties submitting my session proposal?

Contact Planstone directly by email at support@planstone.com. On the submission site, there is a Feedback and Support Tab. Click on this tab to create a help desk ticket, you will have a resolution within 24 hours.

Contact Information

Trouble submitting the session on-line?

Web-related technical questions concerning these procedures should be addressed to the staff of Planstone Customer Service at support@planstone.com. On the submission site, there is a Feedback and Support Tab. Click on this tab to create a help desk ticket, you will have a resolution within 24 hours.

Questions?

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Critical Dates

The following timetable shows the activities and events which will lead to developing successful sessions at IFT18.

7/20/2017	Call for Session Proposals opens online
10/30/2017 4:00 pm CST	Call for Session Proposals closes
1/12/2018 4:00 pm CST	Session Proposal review ends
1/22/2018	Session organizers who submitted a session proposal will be notified of status of submission.
1/31/2018	Presenters in approved sessions are notified by IFT about accepted session for which they are listed as a presenter.
1/22/2018 – 2/22/2018	Presenters of accepted sessions are asked to confirm their participation presenter and verify their presenter affirmations.
2/22/2018	All presenter confirmations are due
5/4/2018	IFT18 Online Event Planner posted on-line
6/22/2018	Presenter PowerPoint presentations due and must be uploaded electronically
7/16/2018 – 7/18/2018	IFT18 – Chicago, IL

Appendix

Appendix A: Key Focus Area/Core Science Track Descriptions & Sub Topics

The following is the list of IFT18 track descriptions and subtopics to consider when submitting your session proposal.

Food Safety & Defense Track Description

The food safety and defense track will consider sessions addressing current or hot topics in many areas including microbial and chemical food safety and defense systems and their components (e.g., risk assessment, management, and communication, traceability, quality systems, product testing, auditing, crisis management, recalls, laws and regulations, and standards).

Allergens	Hazard Assessment (Chemical, Physical & Microbiological)
Food Fraud	Quality Assurance & Control
Food Safety Modernization Act	Shelf Life
Food Traceability	Spoilage Organisms

Teaching & Learning

Sessions in the Teaching & Learning track are designed to model adult learning research and ultimately enhance the effective delivery of food science education. These sessions are geared towards academics or those outside of traditional academia with an interest in teaching, learning and extension/outreach.

Topics:
Publication of Teaching and Learning Outcomes
Tools for student-centered food science education (problem-based learning; case studies)
How to conduct research on teaching and learning: e.g. Panel Discussion with JFS published authors; templates
Best practices addressing topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General teaching and learning strategies • Teaching core sciences (we suggest focusing on 1-2 core sciences per year) • Higher Education Review Board guidelines • Developing lesson plans transforming your laboratory from “follow the steps” to a project based experience
Skill development addressing topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving students' critical thinking • Improving students' writing without burying you in paper • Ethics • Developing effective scoring rubrics for you, your TA and students • Leveraging peer review • Improving effective student writing to different audiences • Presentation Skills; oral and poster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging technology for learning (i.e. distance learning, social media); how to incorporate technology to enhance learning); rubrics for developing and delivering,

online courses assessing online learning, participatory methods and techniques for successful online teaching
Critical Thinking: Differences between learning online and in classroom; case studies, e.g. food safety/outbreaks, students develop concepts; troubleshooting; application of concepts
Learning assessment (i.e. designing tests to maximize learning); Outcome assessment; how students can apply their knowledge
Grant writing relevant to teaching and learning / Securing outside funding resources
Collaboration across industry-academia-government-NGOs in the era of 'open innovation'
75 years of Teaching & Learning Milestones (i.e. case studies on where the lab was, where it is now, where it is going)
Using simulation to enhance education
Helping students learn how to learn (study skills, study habits, time management, how to use the library, information literacy)
Incorporating regulations into food science curriculum (regulations around food additives, innovative substances that cannot be added without being on a list, EU regulations, individual countries, WHO, Codex)
Bringing faculty and students together to hear directly from students how they effectively learn; where their needs lie

Food Health & Nutrition Track Description

This track will present emerging research in nutrition and health. Key issues include the science behind dietary guidance; relationships between food / ingredients and health throughout the lifespan; labeling initiatives; and technology for the food-based management of health conditions.

Diet & Health	Microbiome
Dietary Guidelines	Omics
Dietary Supplements	Personalized Nutrition
Food Myths & Fads to Address Misconceptions (GMOs, Sugar, etc.)	Prebiotics & Probiotics
Functional Foods	Sugars & Sweeteners
Medical Foods	Vitamins & Minerals

Food Processing & Packaging Track Description

This track will focus on food processing and packaging to improve quality, efficiency, sustainability or to lead to development of new products, processes, packaging materials or techniques. Sessions will seek to improve understanding and application of scientific principles of new and existing food processing and packaging technologies.

Chilling & Freezing	High Pressure Processing
Dehydration	Microencapsulation & Nanoencapsulation
Emulsion Technologies	Mixing & Blending
Extraction	Nonthermal Processing

Extrusion	Process Control & Instrumentation
Fermentation	Processing Equipment
Filtration & Separation	Thermal Processing
Food Packaging	

Product Development & Ingredient Innovations Track Description

This track will focus on the primary aspects of the development and introduction of new food and beverage product innovation to the global marketplace. This category includes consumer research, product innovation procedures and related business information, as well as the technical and marketing aspects of product development.

3D Printing	Fruits & Vegetables
Antioxidants & Preservatives	Global Markets & Trade
Aquatics or Aquaculture	Marketing
Baby Foods	Meat & Poultry
Bakery	Mergers & Acquisitions
Beverages	New Products & Culinary Trends
Botanicals or Bioactives	Other Technologies
Colors	People & Companies in the News
Confectionary	Pet Food
Consumer Trends	Proteins
Dairy Foods & Products	R&D
Enzymes	Refrigerated & Frozen Foods
Fats & Oils	Snacks
Fiber	Sodium & Salt Replacers
Fish & Seafood	Soups, Sauces & Dressings
Flavors	Spices & Seasonings
Food Retailing	Stabilizers & Emulsifiers
Foodservice	Starches
Formulation	Supply & Price Indexes

Sustainability Track Description

This track will showcase the efforts of food industry, academia and government to develop and ensure a sustainable food supply. Efforts include the science and technology behind food sufficiency, product development and packaging, ingredient sourcing water, energy, and waste management among others, as well as the business aspects of environmental.

Biotechnology	Life Cycle Analysis
Food Security	Water
Food Waste	Management & Energy Management

Public Policy, Food Laws & Regulations Track Description

This track will discuss the practical, real-world implications for the food and feed industry of legislative, regulatory, and judicial developments on a U.S. and global scale. It will include issues arising in such areas as food safety and food defense, food labeling and marketing, and import/export requirements for food and feed, and will address the implications of these issues for consumers, producers and marketers, and other members of the public.

Non-GMO	Organic
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Food Microbiology Track Description

This track features sessions highlighting cutting edge research and developments in food microbiology, including detection and quantification methods, quality control, survival of microorganisms throughout the food continuum and processing environments, preventive controls of pathogens, characterization of emerging pathogens, and microbiology of health and wellness foods. Presentation of case studies, education, and sharing of best practices will be encouraged.

Toxicology

Food Chemistry Track Description

This track will showcase presentations of novel basic and applied research relating to chemistry and analysis of foods.

Bulking Agents	Carbohydrates (cereals, grains, seeds, legumes, pulses)
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Food Engineering Track Description:

This track will present basic research pertaining to food engineering including measurement, modeling and control of food processing systems. The food engineering sessions will address categories such as transport processes; physical, chemical and microbiological properties; integration of transport processes and kinetics leading to quality, safety predictions, and connections between food and health.

Nanotechnology

Sensory Science Track Description

Sessions offered in this track will address the latest advancements in the science of sensory and consumer research, with applications to product development and marketing research.

Sensory Science

Appendix B: Session Formats

IFT's Annual Event sessions are typically presented in one of five formats including symposia, workshops, panels, roundtables, and primer. IFT encourages developing novel, cutting-edge and scientifically sound sessions that promote applied learning and interactions among various constituents of academic, government and industry participants. It is possible that a session may consist of a combination of learning formats such as lectures, demonstrations, case studies, small group activities, and questions and answers. For the purposes of the submission process, however, one of the session formats (described below) will need to be selected.

Symposium

A symposium is an organized session concerning a defined central theme (focused subject area, idea or forum). The symposium is typically a podium-based presentation format. Such a session could be a discussion emphasizing scientific aspects of food or related issues of current interest to food scientists and technologists or a state-of-the-art report on developments or analytical techniques in a field of interest. It could also be a review of research, or discuss the results of basic research in a given area. The material covered should be timely. Symposia should also provide participants with practical information that is applicable to their work.

The most important element, however, is that the symposium has an identified central theme that the presenters address. The topic should be chosen before the individual presentations/papers are prepared. Do not submit a symposium as a collection of independently volunteered papers which fall loosely within a subject area; such papers should be submitted separately through the Call for Abstracts.

Panel Discussion

A panel is a moderated presentation and/or discussion among several experts on a specific issue or topic. A panel discussion may help the audience further clarify and evaluate their positions regarding specific issues or topics being discussed and increase their understanding of the positions of others. Questions and answers from the audience are a common feature of panel discussions.

Workshop

A workshop is a session that emphasizes interactions and experiential learning in addition to standard educational presentations. Workshops can be an intensive educational program for a relatively small group of people that focuses especially on techniques and skills in a particular field. Workshops can involve problem-solving or hands-on training, and typically requires the involvement of the participants.

Roundtable

A roundtable session literally involves several roundtables, each focusing on a specific topic, where attendees interact with the presenter on a subject. Participants move around the room at their own pace. Presenters periodically tend to give a brief overview (not more than 15 minutes) of their work or topic as new attendees visit their table. Participants often drive the conversation through their questions, discussion and deliberations.

Primer Session

A 60-minute primer session designed to get attendees up to speed on key and/or complex topics that are affecting food science professionals and today's rapidly evolving world. Some of these sessions may be offered each year (i.e. Nanoscience: A primer).

Appendix C: Session Proposal Checklist

Below is the information that will be requested from session organizers in the session proposal submission. Organizers will be notified if their session is accepted January 22, 2018. **The deadline to submit a session proposal is October 30, 2017 at 4:00 pm Central.**

Create a Session	
Step 1: Title/Body	
	*Enter your session title. If you are proposing a two-part session (two 90-minute sessions), please reflect this in your title with a Part 1 or Part 2.
	*Enter your session description (500 Word Limit) and two Learning Objectives
Step 2: Presentation type/category	
	*Select Presentation type: Symposium, Roundtable, Workshop, Panel or Primer Session
	*Select a category for your submission. This is the PRIMARY TRACK and subtopic for the proposal.
	Select a secondary track and subtopic, if applicable.
	Choose up to 5 divisions that your presentation is most applicable to (collaborating divisions). This is not a space to enter keywords.
Step 3: Details	
	*Select all audience focus categories that apply to the session (e.g. research, product development, etc.)
	*Select an audience learning level from the list (e.g. beginner, intermediate, advanced, etc.)
	Indicate if the session will need a special room set-up. If you need a special room set-up, enter in the description.
Step 4: Keywords	
	* Add all presenters to your session here. Once your session is submitted you can make changes or add presenters prior to the submission deadline of October 30, 2017. ^[AS1]
Step 5: Confirmed Presenters and Moderators	
	*Add all confirmed presenters in this step, including presenter job title, credentials, and how long each presenter will present.
	Known Date Conflicts and Reason: If one of your confirmed presenters will have a conflict please list the conflict and justification in this step.
	*Enter your confirmed presenters and moderators, their qualifications and name, and the topics they will address during their presentation. Two presenters are required per session; Five maximum for 90-minute sessions. Three presenters are the maximum for primer sessions. Be sure to enter your confirmed presenters in their speaking order.
Step 6: Affiliations	
	*Enter all institutions associated with your confirmed presenters. Only one affiliation/institution can be listed per presenter.
Step 7: Proof and submit	
	Review the summary of your submission. You may come back to this site to edit your information until October 30, 2017.

Appendix D: Presenter Affirmations

Below is a listing of the affirmations presenters will be asked to accept and/or respond to.

Please indicate your acceptance of the following preconditions to presenting. If you do not agree with one or more of the following statements or if you have any questions, contact IFT Staff at amsp@ift.org.

Deadlines

I agree to meet the critical deadlines provided to me in my invitation letter with respect to submission of materials and arriving my assigned session.

IFT18 Registration

I understand that as a presenter I must pay the appropriate IFT Member or Non-member registration fee. Registration information will be available online by April 2018.

Right of First Refusal

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Handouts

I understand that IFT does not provide paper copies of PowerPoint slides or any other handouts. Any presenters choosing to distribute handouts must bring their own copies.

Reporting

I agree that an article reporting on my presentation may be included in the post-IFT18 communication or on the IFT website, the purpose of which is to provide meeting highlights to those members who did not attend. I further acknowledge that members of the media may attend my presentation to record and report on its contents.

Conflict of Interest

I agree that if I have any commercial relationships that my presentation will be evidence-based and I will disclose my relationship to the products/services from that entity. Additionally, I will not sell during my presentation and will avoid any appearance of impropriety or inordinate promotion of a product or service I sell or provide.

Copyright Release

I assume full responsibility for securing the necessary clearance and permission for publication and presentation from any third party holding rights to any of the presentation material. I have obtained concurrence from the sole author, co-authors or co-workers before submitting my materials for presentation and publication and have acknowledged all contributions to the work. In addition, any use of a motion picture movie, in whole or in part, during my presentation requires a public performance license. I will not show any movie clip without obtaining a public performance license prior to my presentation.

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