The Organising Committee invites you to submit an abstract for the 2016 Road Infrastructure Management Forum. The committee is looking for papers which are topical and of interest to conference attendees. The forum will be showcasing ingenuity, with examples of leading best practice and thinking around adapting to current issues, innovating and managing better with what we have. This is a chance for you to share your experiences and knowledge with your peers and we encourage you to submit an abstract.

**ABSTRACTS:**
300 word maximum and must include three key points or learnings and be submitted by Wed 30 Sep 2015. Instead of a focus on the production of papers the organising committee would like to emphasise the quality of the presentations required. As such no paper is required and if your abstract is successful your powerpoint presentation is required by 20 November 2015. At this time, the committee will review your presentation to ensure it is aligned with your abstract and to an acceptable level of quality. It may be that you are asked to tweak your presentation or it could be rejected if it does not align with your abstract.

**PRESENTATION OPTIONS:**
There are three options to choose from - you select
- 20 min presentation plus 5 mins for Q & A
- 12 min presentation with 2 mins for Q & A
- 8 min table presentations. Each presenter will speak for 8 mins to one of 10 tables and will be followed by table discussion. The presentation is to be repeated three times and not to be a ‘sales’ session. PowerPoints are not required for review for these presentations.

**SUBMISSIONS:**
Submit by email: joanne@conferenceteam.co.nz
Your submission requires the following:
- Snappy title & mini overview (max 300 words)
- Topic – identify where your presentation would best fit
- Mini bio and photo (jpg)
- Presentation option (20 min / 12 min / 8 min table presentation)
- Referee – name/contact of someone who has heard you present

Papers are NOT required, however your PowerPoint presentation must be submitted before final acceptance.

**AWARDS:**
An innovation award will be made from the forum presentations for three categories – Road Infrastructure Management, Corridor Management & Optimised Decision Making. This is judged by the attendees.

**REGISTRATION:**
If your abstract is accepted, it is a requirement that you register and pay to attend the forum. All presenters receive a 30% discount off published registration fees.

**TOPIC SUGGESTIONS:**
- Asset Performance & Analysis
- Asset Management Practice
- Data Quality
- Asset and Condition Data
- BIM for Roading
- Cool Tools
- Corridor Management
- Forward Works Programme Development
- Incorporating ONRC in asset planning
- Integration of Business Processes
- Optimised Decision Making
- Maintenance & Works Management
- Whole of Life Information Management

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- Abstracts close: Wed 30 Sep 2015
- Authors advised of selection: Fri 9 Oct 2015
- PowerPoint presentation required: Fri 20 Nov 2015
- Feedback on your PowerPoint presentation: Fri 27 Nov 2015
- Registration for Forum by: Wed 9 Dec 2015

**MORE INFORMATION**
If you have any queries, please contact the Organisers:

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