

Dear author,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Thank you for submitting a contribution to the 8WCCA “The Future of Farming: Profitable and Sustainable Farming with Conservation Agriculture”. As you may know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congress will be held as a virtual meeting in Bern, Switzerland from 21 – 23 June 2021. A two-day programme of Field Days on June 24 - 25 will be organized to allow for a broad and safe participation of all interested participants who may not be faced with any travel and visa restrictions. The Field Days will take place at the estate ‘Witzwil’, about 40 minutes away from Bern.

As the Congress is approaching close, we consider it to be of high importance to inform you about the forthcoming process for the publication of the 8WCCA proceedings and some key deadlines. This information will be available also at <https://8wcca.org/call-for-abstract>. The 8WCCA proceedings will comprise three electronic volumes. The first volume will consist of the “Abstracts”, the second one, will comprise the “Extended abstracts” and a third volume will compile the Posters submitted, in addition to the respective abstract.

In order to have your contribution published in the proceedings, it is of extreme importance that you take I note of the following instructions and deadlines.

- For authors who have already received comments on their Abstracts by the reviewers (accepted Abstract with major or minor revisions), the ultimate deadline to send the revised version of the Abstracts is March 7. Please visit the website <https://abstract.8wcca.org/> to check the status of your Abstract contribution.
- Once the Abstract is approved, those authors wishing to contribute an “Extended Abstract” must submit it as a 3-to-7-page document by March 28.
- Authors who submitted an “Extended abstract” will receive feedback on whether major or minor revision is needed by April 15.
- If any of the Extended Abstract require major or minor revisions, the revised Extended Abstracts must be resubmitted by the authors by April 25.
- On May 2, the Scientific and Technical Committee will inform the authors the type of presentation they can make: oral or poster.
- In order to organise the technical sessions, authors wishing to make oral presentations will be asked to provide the Scientific and Technical Committee with their PowerPoint presentations by June 13. The deadline for submitting the Posters in pdf format will be May 30.

Deadline for submitting revised Abstract (after incorporating the suggested major or minor revisions)	March 7
Deadline for Extended Abstract submission	March 28
Feedback on acceptance/revision of Extended Abstract	April 15
Deadline for revised Extended Abstract submission (after incorporating the suggested major or minor)	April 25
Information sent to author about the type of presentation	May 9
Submission of Posters in pdf format	May 30
Submission of oral presentations in PowerPoint format	June 13

We would appreciate that you kindly comply with the above schedule of deadlines, as we cannot afford any delay.

We remain at your disposal should you have any inquiry.

Kind regards,

Professor Emilio Gonzalez-Sanchez
Chair
The Scientific and Technical Committee