



## 2015 International Radon Symposium Call for Papers

The AARST 2015 International Radon Symposium welcomes the participation of members of the scientific and medical community, radon testers, diagnosticians, mitigators, educators, public policy leaders and business leaders as well as consumers, both nationally and internationally.

**Abstracts:** Your abstract should convey in 150 words or less, the essence of the intended presentation clearly indicating the contribution it will make. Abstracts will be screened by the AARST Editorial Board. Authors who are not experienced in writing abstracts should look at examples of abstracts from previous symposia and duplicate their format. These can be found on the AARST.org website. Abstracts which do not follow this accepted format will not be accepted.

**Original research, on radon science, risk communication, public policy and business-related papers, are especially encouraged (but not limited to) the following areas with an emphasis on practical application:**

- **The Leading Cause of Environmental Cancer Mortality and Failure of U.S. National Radon Policy**
  - Voluntary Programs – Have They Been Effective In Reducing US Radon Mortality?
  - Economic Analysis – Are the Economics of Radon Infrastructure Sustainable?
  - Voluntary Case Studies from Other Fields
  - Alternative Policy/Regulatory Mechanisms in the United States and Abroad
    - Required Testing
    - Required Mitigation
    - Other
- **Radon Risk Communication**
  - Is Radon the Right Terminology:
    - For Risk Communication
    - For Public Policy Makers
    - The Case for Radioactivity Terminology
- **Radon Risk Assessment Including:**
  - Radon Measurement Techniques and Protocols
    - Radon Devices
    - Large Building Measurement
    - Quality Assurance/Quality Control
  - Emanation From Building Materials
- **Health Risk Assessment**
  - Residential Case-Control Studies
  - Other Epidemiological Studies
- **Radon Risk Reduction in Low Income Communities**
  - Multifamily Mitigation and RRNC
- **Radon Prevention in Existing and New Construction**
  - Mitigation Techniques Used in Cold Climates
  - Mitigation Techniques Used in Commercial Buildings
  - Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Techniques
- **Effective Worker Safety Programs for Mitigation/Measurement Professionals**
- **Cost-Effectiveness of Radon Policy and Program Options**
  - Risk Management Initiatives for Radon
  - Innovative Local, State, Provincial and Native People Approaches
- **Health Physicists papers on Radon and Radioactivity**

**How to Submit Abstracts:** Please submit your abstract via email using WORD (.doc or docx) format to: [JBurkhart@aarst.org](mailto:JBurkhart@aarst.org) by April 6, 2015. Do not use a PDF format, as this cannot be edited.

**Acceptance of Abstracts:** The Abstract Chair will notify authors of acceptance or rejection of their abstract by May 15, 2015.

Acceptance of an abstract is a necessary condition for giving a paper or a poster session in the symposium. Along with an abstract, each author should submit a request for time: 20 or 40 minutes. The Program Chair will determine the amount of time allotted based on the number of presenters and topics being presented. Ideally, each presentation will allow time for a brief question and answer period at the end of the presentation. **Speakers must register for the Symposium and pay a down payment on registration fees by August 7, 2015.**

Authors of accepted abstracts who also wish to have a full paper, based on their abstract, published in the 2015 AARST Symposium Proceedings must submit a completed full paper by July 15, 2015 and commit to presenting to the Symposium no later than August 7, 2015. Presenters who do not commit to attending and presenting at the Symposium by August 7<sup>th</sup> will not be considered for publication or listing in the program. The refereeing of these papers is separate from, and independent of, the reviewing of the abstracts since the Proceedings is a refereed publication. Authors will receive grammar and syntax rules for papers along with their abstract acceptance by email. *Authors are solely responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for published material.* Authors will be notified if their paper has been accepted for publication by August 21, 2015. **For Abstract Submittal Information Contact:** [JBurkhart@aarst.org](mailto:JBurkhart@aarst.org) or [nicole@aarst.org](mailto:nicole@aarst.org)