CALL FOR PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

NAEM is now accepting presentation abstracts for **12 sessions featuring a client or end software user** who will describe how s/he addressed an EHS or Sustainability challenge with the help of a software product. If you are interested in submitting a presentation abstract, please fill in and return the attached abstract submission form.

New Format for 2016
Please note that this is a modified format from previous iterations of the conference. In the past, these sessions were general demonstrations of software products. For 2016, the presentations will begin by explaining a challenge that the user faced, and then progress through how the problem was addressed by the use of software as well as managerial measures.

About the Conference
NAEM's conference has been a unique event in the EHS marketplace since 2001. The objective of this event is to showcase a variety of EHS and Sustainability software applications and data management practices in one venue in order to support EHS managers in their needs assessment, selection, implementation, and on-going use of tools that will enhance the strength of their programs.

Please carefully read and keep in mind the following guidelines for these presentations:

Presenters & Presentation Eligibility:
- Presentations ***must be*** given by in-house EHS/Sustainability managers who work directly with an application.
- Presenters ***do not*** have to be NAEM members.
- Software vendors will not be allowed to conduct the presentations.
- A representative from the software provider may be present to support the client speaker and answer general questions about the application during the Q&A portion at the end of the session.
- The featured software applications must be implemented for at least six (6) months and preference will be given to those systems that have been in place long enough to have concrete data and sample reports to include.

Presentation Content:
- Presentations are intended to give the audience the feel of "getting behind the wheel" and experiencing the application in real time. To this end, presentations should include live use of the software tool. In the case that this is not possible, screen shots may be substituted. PLEASE NOTE: Conference attendees repeatedly mention that they get much more out of live presentations.

- In addition to the talking about addressing an EHS challenge and demonstrating the software, presenters are encouraged to provide some brief information on the selection and implementation process paying special attention to include any tips or lessons learned from their experience.
- NAEM conferences stress sharing both best practices as well as lessons learned. Presenters will be expected to speak frankly not only about their successes, but also about the challenges they met, their costs, and their suggestions for how to make implementation more successful.
- Presentations will be 45-minutes in length (including Q&A) and will be repeated to a new audience immediately following the first presentation, amounting to a total of 90 minutes of presentation time.

Presentation Topics

As a point of reference; topics and software applications that repeatedly draw interest include Compliance Management, Auditing, Incident & Illness Tracking and Metrics Management, Sustainability Metrics and Management, GHG Tracking and Management, and Chemical Management.
This list is not meant to be exhaustive and does not exclude other topics and tools of interest. We are eager to explore and feature applications that address an expanded range of issues.

Selection Process:

- Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- Abstracts will be reviewed and submitters will be notified on a rolling basis.
- Abstracts will be looked at to fill the following objectives:
    - Systems that have been fully implemented and offer sample reporting data.
    - Systems that reflect new technologies or techniques for gathering and managing EHS and Sustainability Data
    - Presentations that reflect a variety of the leading MIS systems in the EHS marketplace
    - Presentations that reflect a variety of industry users

Please let us know if you have questions about the process or requirements.

Thank you and we look forward to reviewing your submissions.

Sincerely,

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