

ANH2018 ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Congratulations on being selected to give an oral presentation at the 3rd Annual Agriculture, Nutrition & Health Academy Week. Please read the below carefully, as all presenters are required to meet these guidelines.

Listening to participants

This year – in response to participant feedback from 2016 and 2017 - we are introducing some changes to the programme. A consistent theme among the feedback is that participants would like to see presentations that are more concise, clear and engaging. Research selected for the conference is cutting edge and interdisciplinary – which we appreciate requires careful explanation. However, longer presentations crammed with dense text result in lower levels of participant engagement around the topic, which is counterproductive to the aims of the event.

In light of this, we are introducing new presentation guidelines, shorter speaking slots, and support for anyone who would like to strengthen their research communication skills. We envisage that this will result in more meaningful participation throughout the event. This also enables us to programme more science, Q&A and discussion. Whilst we understand it is challenging to communicate complex research in a shorter duration, we hope that you will see the opportunities and benefits that this can deliver.

Are you interested in trying presentation delivery styles like TED, Pecha Kucha, or story telling? Now is the time to do so, where we welcome and encourage such innovations in a supportive environment. There will be a vote and prizes awarded to the most innovative and refreshing efforts in presentation style!

Timings

- Oral presenters will have a total of 8 minutes to present their work.
- We have programmed a lot of exciting science so timings will be strictly controlled.
- Someone sitting at the front will remind you when you have 2 minutes and 1 minute left.
- Presentations that go beyond 8 minutes will be cut off by the session Chair.
- Every session will have at least 30 minutes of time for Q&A/discussion with the audience.

Presentation guidelines (strict)

- Oral presentations are not restricted to slide shows. If you would prefer to talk about your research without the use of Powerpoint or by using other visual aids - you are encouraged to do so and we welcome innovative methods. This will increase your chance of winning a prize! Please just inform us of your plans.
- If using Powerpoint, presentations should have a maximum of 16 slides and a font size of no less than pt. 20 for open text.
- Slides must be sent to ANH-Academy@lshtm.ac.uk no later than **22 June**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in omission from the programme.

Presentation advice

- Please do focus on key elements of your research, such as study design, methods, findings and implications/relevance for agriculture-nutrition-health pathways.
- Please don't spend time on a detailed introduction or description of the country in which study has taken place.
- Please do practice your presentation several times in advance to ensure you can clearly communicate your research within 8 minutes.
- Please don't cram slides full of text. Instead, use them as visual aids to support what you are talking about. Remember: less is more!

Technology

- The conference room is equipped with laptops, projectors and pointers. If using slides, please bring a backup copy of your presentation on a USB drive.

Support for speakers

- Are you slightly intimidated by the above guidance? Don't worry! We have planned ways to assist.
- In the run up to the Academy Week we are offering a webinar to help presenters fine tune their research communications skills. The online session, run by Jamed Falik, IFPRI's Visual Design and Production lead, will provide insights and suggestions on enhancing your presentation. The webinar takes place on Thursday, May 10, 2018. [Sign up here.](#)
- Throughout the ANH Academy Week there will be opportunities to get in-person feedback and advice at a 'presentation drop-in surgery' run by ANH Academy partners.
- There will also be a Learning Lab on *Communicating to Effectively Reach Your Audiences* planned for Monday 25 June.

Consent

- The event will be filmed and photos will be taken. As we work to comply with new European privacy laws, we are developing a form for written consent. We will share that with you in the coming weeks.

Social media

- The official event hashtag is [#ANH2018](#). Please do join the conversation.
- Please also provide us with your Twitter handle so we can include this in the programme and social media tool kit.