

*Geocology and Desertification - from physical to human factors  
International Symposium in memory of Prof. Juan Puigdefabregas*

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## Practical guide

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### 1. Emergency number

Just dial **112** using any phone, including foreign terminals with foreign companies. You will be attended in Spanish, English, French, German or Arabic.

### 2. Locations

Hotel NH Ciudad de Almería

Jardín de Medina Street

04006 – Almería

Coordinates (WGS84): 36.836104° N, 2.455338° W

Restaurante Catamarán

Playa de las Almadrabillas

04007 – Almeria

### 3. Transport

From / to the airport:

The Almeria airport is located approximately at 15 km of the town centre. There are public buses covering the transit. However, you may find more practical to use a taxi (approximately 16 – 18 €). Many taxis are equipped with credit card payment. Check yours at the moment of taking it. All taxis must issue a receipt or ticket upon request.

Hotel NH to Restaurante Catamarán:

The walking distance is of 800 m. A taxi will charge up to 5 €.

## 4. Event dynamics

### 4.1. General

All the members of the EcoDesert organization team will carry a distinct badge with orange colour and the Staff word on it. They speak English. Please address them for any issue you may have.

Upon arrival, attendees will find a numbered list with their name close to the helpdesk. Please check first your number and then go to your allocated place in the helpdesk.

The helpdesk will be open in the evening (18:00 – 20:00) of 19/02 and then from 08:00 in the mornings of 20/02 and 21/02. Please register as early as possible to avoid jamming the start of sessions.

### 4.2. Section development

The event will have four thematic sections (please see the program). Each section will consist of three parts (with maximum times per item): keynote papers (30 min), oral presentations (15 min), ePoster defences (4 min) and plenary discussion (1 hour). Because of these limited durations, questions by the audience will be better made at the discussion.

The sections will have an allocated organizing team with the following functions:

- Conveners will give a keynote paper and lead the plenary discussion.
- The main moderator will be in the stage to call and introduce presenting authors and, later in the discussion, to order requested interventions. A main and difficult function will be to control and, if necessary, stop lengthy presentations. Please make his/her life easy.
- An auxiliary moderator will be in front of the presenting author to help with time management, by showing notices of **+1 min, 0 min** and **STOP**. Later in the discussion, this person will hand the microphone to requested interventions.
- A reporter in no particular place will take notes of the plenary discussion to facilitate drawing the event conclusions at the final wrap-up session.

## 4.3. ePosters

EcoDesert has adopted the defended ePosters format that is being increasingly extended in scientific events. The point is letting the audience to have a quick glance of all the contributions, then to select those which appeal individual interest for a more detailed inspection with the authors. At the same time, a larger number of flash presentations can be packed in the ePoster format, giving to them a better chance to reach their target audience than the conventional standing poster format.

All ePosters will be available in two dedicated screens in a common area of the event, so that both authors and interested attendees may inspect them with appropriate detail. Further, all the ePosters will be reproduced along their abstracts in the published proceedings book with ISBN.

Nonetheless, ePosters pose the challenge of summarizing a possibly complex study in a very limited time frame of only 4 minutes. Also, any poster (including ePosters) trends to pack a lot of information in a single spread, with font sizes and figures as small as permissible that suit better a close inspection. Therefore they may not be the best support for a flash presentation. Please consider carefully the following options and hints:

- With independence of the ePoster you have already provided, it is **recommended to use a short conventional presentation** (e.g. PowerPoint) of **up to 3 slides** to support your contribution. One of them may be the ePoster itself if you like.
- Please do not waste the first slide with the title and authors of the study to be defended. This information will appear independently at the moment you are called to the floor.
- Please use only a few short statements to describe **the main problem, the overall approach and the outcome**. In other words, the reasons why you would like to discuss your contribution later at the ePoster spot.
- Data and methods, and discussion of results, are great time sinks. Specialized jargon and techniques are variance enhancers and cross-discipline killers. Spasmodic movements of the laser pointer tracing imaginary ellipses around focal areas are audience mystifiers.
- If you decide to use such a support presentation, please send the file to Alberto Ruiz ([aruiz@eeza.csic.es](mailto:aruiz@eeza.csic.es)) with copy to Rosma Peregrin ([rosmaperegrin@eeza.csic.es](mailto:rosmaperegrin@eeza.csic.es)) **before 18/02 at 20:00**. This will ensure a swift flow of stored presentations during the sessions.
- The flash presentation will be ephemeral. Only your provided ePoster will be available at the mentioned ePoster spots.
- **Do not bring a printout of your ePoster. There will not be place for conventional standing posters.**
- If you think 4 minutes is too short, please have a look to the PICO presentations at EGU events, where only 2 minutes are permitted in sessions aptly named *2-minute madness*. Anyhow, their suggestions for making short flash presentations are worth examining at [https://egu2018.eu/PICO\\_how-to\\_guide\\_to\\_PICO.pdf](https://egu2018.eu/PICO_how-to_guide_to_PICO.pdf).