

MAC-ISA Annual Meeting
2026 Call for Presentation
Submission Deadline: May 1, 2026

Annual Meeting Theme: Trees of the Past, Trees of the Future

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (MAC-ISA) seeks presentations for its Annual Meeting and Conference to be held October 4-6, 2026 at the Fredericksburg Convention Center in Fredericksburg, VA. The MAC-ISA Annual Meeting and Conference brings together over 300 arborists, urban foresters, utility foresters and anyone interested in growing personally, professionally, and academically alongside their colleagues and constituents in the Mid-Atlantic region.

This year, we seek proposals for presentations, workshops, and demonstrations that inspire us to learn from tree successes and challenges of the past, as well as equip us with practical tools to build resilient tree canopies and industry. Our membership is unique as it encompasses many disciplines, skills, practices, sciences, theories, and philosophies. A rigorous program for this year's meeting must be intersectional and all-inclusive so please submit your proposal for presentation with your specialties and professional niche in mind.

We have particular interest in presentations that highlight the topics below, however, proposals on other topics will be considered:

- safe work practices
- applied arborist skills
- utility vegetation management
- working with underground utilities
- impact of climate change on tree health and resiliency
- tree risk mitigation
- pest and disease
- water management (ex. water stress, storm water)
- soil management
- tree preservation
- student research projects

We seek proposals from practitioners, academics, allied professionals, and community advocates from all backgrounds and welcome sessions that tell both the challenges and the triumphs of your work.

Proposal Details

Proposal Form: Complete the online form here on the [MAC-ISA website](#)

Learning Objective: All submissions must include a learning objective that conveys the presenter's intent of what the attendees should learn from the presentation. When writing learning objectives, use active verbs such as implement, evaluate, prepare, solve, identify, demonstrate, discuss. Avoid verbs such as know, understand, or learn.

Session Format: Although PowerPoint presentations are common, other presentation formats are encouraged. Indicate the format of your presentation and any equipment needs.

Session Length: Session length should be one hour: 45 minutes presentation with 15 minutes for questions. Panel sessions of 60 mins and 2 hour workshops may be considered. Student sessions will be in a lightning session format up to 15 minute length and dependent on the number of sessions. Proposed session length may need to be adapted to fit the overall program.

Speaker Fees: All speakers will receive complimentary conference registration for the day of presentation(s). Additional speaker fees such as honorarium, hotel stay, or travel reimbursement will be assessed on a case by case basis and negotiated after acceptance of proposal.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 pm EST on May 1, 2026. Presenters accepted for the program will be notified by June 15, 2026. The conference program will be finalized by late-July.

Please direct questions about the call for presentations to MAC-ISA Executive Director, Liz Buxton (director@macisa.org) and Jessie Ward (jward@bartlett.com).