Congratulations on being accepted for a poster presentation at the BES-SFE Joint Annual Meeting. Please read ALL of these instructions carefully to ensure that posters fit in the space allocated for each poster.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION

All posters should be PORTRAIT orientation with dimensions 841mm Wide and 1189mm Tall. This is the INTERNATIONAL A0 format.

![Sample of Poster](image)

The British Ecological Society has an online PDF of their 2012 Bulletin article detailing suggestions on formatting, colour/color schemes and how to maximize impact.

Several other journals and societies have similar documents; a quick internet search will reap rewards.

In short: remember that you have about 10 seconds to attract viewers to your work. Figures, in association with easy-to-read, concise and lucid text, make the most impact and draw viewers to your poster. Tables are acceptable, but should accompany a figure. Long sections of text, complete paragraphs and full sections of papers are highly discouraged.

Choose font sizes carefully – someone should be able to read the poster from a distance of 1m. Choose your title well – you want to attract potential readers. Make your questions
and main points clear – don’t make readers hunt for them. Ensure that there is a visual flow to your figures and ideas – this usually follows the natural reading direction (left to right and top to bottom).

You may also wish to produce a hand-out of your poster; this provides a useful ‘take-away’ resource. Please make sure you include your contact details on the hand-out, including name, email and Twitter handle.

WHEN TO DISPLAY

Poster sessions are located in Lille Metropole, the main Exhibition Hall of the Grand Palais. Your poster will be on display all day Wednesday and Thursday during the meeting. There will be two formal poster sessions as listed below. Your poster will be allocated to one of these, during which you are required to stand at your poster. You will be notified separately of your session in due course:

1. Wednesday 10 December, 17.45 – 19.15
2. Thursday 11 December, 17.00 – 18.30

You can put up your poster from 08.30 on Wednesday 10 December. All posters MUST be in place by 10.30 on Wednesday 10 December.

Your poster must be displayed for both the Wednesday and Thursday of the meeting. Posters must be removed immediately after the poster session on Thursday evening, between 18.30 and 19.00. Posters remaining after this time may be disposed of. There will be no access to this part of the main exhibition hall on Friday.

POSTER MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING

Your poster will be located according to your poster abstract number. This number was supplied to you in your timetabled email from the BES & will be in the printed programme. There will be a Poster Desk in the centre of the poster area staffed by a volunteer in the poster area who can help if you have questions on the day.

All poster presenters are expected to be present at their poster during their designated poster session. This is a valuable opportunity to publicise your research and network with potential collaborators.

Please note that material will be provided on the poster desk to stick your poster to the poster board. You must not use anything else.

Please remove all material from your board when you dismount your poster.
NOTE FOR POSTER AWARD CANDIDATES

If you have entered your poster for the BES – SFE student award, this will be indicated on your poster board by a coloured sticker. Poster award judging will take place throughout the poster sessions based on categories including: visual style, scientific content, originality of research, and effectiveness of communication. Winners will be announced after the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you and your work in Lille.