

## Instructions for Presentations 24<sup>th</sup> WOC 2026



Presentations are – aside from the orchid show – the main attraction of the World Orchid Conferences. Presentations provide an excellent opportunity to share experiences and knowledge on the identification, cultivation, propagation and protection of orchids around the world. After each presentation, there will be a questions and answers session. We are aiming for a multi-faceted speaker program and encourage orchid hobbyists, scientists, nature protection associations, professional orchid growers and any other group interested in orchids alike to submit their abstracts for the presentation during the 24<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference.

As the organizing committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> WOC, we are striving to ensure diversity of topics, regions as well as equal opportunities for all interested in orchids to present their topics. This includes our goal to attract speakers from all continents as well as increasing the number of female speakers in our program.

Presenters will have **30 minutes** for their presentations, followed by 10 minutes for discussions (Q&A). It is important to **stick to this time frame**, this will allow all speakers to give their presentations as intended. Timekeepers will support the speakers to adhere to the intended time frame. In between talks there will be 5 minutes allotted for the audience to potentially change between presentation streams. Thus, each presentation has a time slot of 45 mins (30 mins talk, 10 mins Q&A and 5 mins break) until the next presentation starts.

Presentations must be submitted as **PowerPoint pps or ppsx files**. This will ensure that all presentations run smoothly on the laptops provided. pps and ppsx formats are ready-to-present files with fonts embedded, which allows easy presentation. It will **not** be possible to use your **own laptops** for the presentation, as this might lead to compatibility issues with the beamer. We will provide devices to move the slides, which will also contain a laser pointer.

Presentations must be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. As the start of WOC 2026 comes closer, we will inform all speakers about the modalities of provision of slides.

One further important topic: in case you will not be able to present due to unexpected circumstances, please inform us at the earliest time point possible. This will allow us to search for an alternative speaker. It would be appreciated in such circumstances if you could provide us with a replacement speaker, if at all possible.

In case of any questions around your presentation, you can contact us at [conference@woc-2026.orchidee.de](mailto:conference@woc-2026.orchidee.de).

We are looking forward to an exciting and diverse speaker program and would like to thank you for your willingness to be part of this program.

The WOC 2026 Conference Organizational Committee