

**Important Dates:****28 November:** Paper/poster abstract submission deadline**6 December:** Student fee waiver application deadline**15 December:** Rita R. Hamm IA Excellence Scholarship applications due**20 December:** Venice technical visit must meet 10 participants to proceed

**Paper/Poster abstracts due 28 November:** Please review the [abstract guidelines and policies](#) and then submit your abstract for IAIA15 by the **28 November 2014** submission deadline. **This deadline is firm -- no abstracts will be accepted after 23:59 (CST) on 28 November.** We strongly encourage you to submit your abstract a minimum of 2-3 days before the deadline so that if you have questions or problems with submission, staff can assist you before submission closes.

**New scholarship available:** The IAIA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the new **Rita R. Hamm IA Excellence Scholarship** in honor of the legacy that our former CEO has left on this organization and the field of impact assessment. One scholarship will be offered in conjunction with each annual IAIA conference, allowing a young practitioner, 35 years or younger, in the region of the host country to attend. Potential candidates are those who have never attended an IAIA annual conference and are submitting an abstract to present a paper at IAIA15. [Full application instructions and award details](#) are posted online. Scholarship applications are due **15 December**, but all abstracts must be submitted by the 28 November deadline.

**Overnight technical visit to Venice:** IAIA15 will offer a number of exciting technical visits in and around Florence, but it will also offer a post-conference overnight visit to Venice to explore the city and study the MOSE project, a series of mobile gates that protect Venice and the Venetian Lagoon area from flooding and extreme events. All technical visits are subject to meeting the minimum number of participants, but due to the overnight hotel reservations, this visit in particular **must meet a 10 delegate minimum by 20 December in order to proceed.** If you are interested in this visit, please consider registering as soon as possible to reserve your space! Full visit details are posted on the [Technical Visit page](#).

**Hotel bookings:** Delegates are encouraged to make hotel reservations early. Blocks of rooms with discounted rates have been reserved by the Firenze Convention Bureau; those rates are valid only through **18 January 2015** and must be booked through their official system. **Registration for the event is required to get the access code, which will be provided in the registration confirmation email.** For more information, visit [Plan Your Stay](#).

*IAIA15 will be held 20-23 April 2015 in Florence, Italy. For more information, visit the [conference website](#).*