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Cc: Goodfellow, Bill
Subject: Re: abstract reviews
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Thanks for the heads up, Peter. I've cc'd Bill on this in case he needs to add to or correct anything I mention here (he is leading the charge on the abstract review process).

> Yes, in the event that you cannot make the Saturday (USA, 9 AM Central Time) meeting, it would be useful for you conducted your review before Saturday and forwarded your ideas to me and Bill;
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> We have taken the first cut at assigning abstracts to sessions. Note that at this time, we have not selected poster or platform--we want Committee input on that matter to inform consensus decisions.
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> Given the above, we are looking for: 1) concurrence on our initial assignations of the abstracts; and 2) your opinion on suitability for poster or platform for individual abstracts.
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> If you have ideas on the order of your selected platform presentations, please also send those along. It would be useful input.

On another matter--we have a few parties that have submitted numerous (6 or more) abstracts. Queen's University falls into this category, and as you read through the abstracts I believe the other 2 groups will emerge (I don't want to bias your review; but it will be obvious). I do not see it as a problem that a handful of groups have a lot of data and information to share; however, because of the nature of this meeting, we don't have the luxury of space and time that an annual SETAC meeting offers. Therefore, Bill, Greg, Bruce, and I discussed the challenges here and agreed that we need to ask these parties to review their respective bodies of submitted abstracts to see where they could be combined to more integrative presentations (a way to reduce the number of presentations per institution without diminution of the science). We would like you and your co-authors to discuss this possibility and let us know your thoughts. I hope you understand where we're coming from on this. Please contact Bill and I with any follow-up questions you have.

Cheers,

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Marc

I'm still uncertain about being able to join you on a conference call on Saturday evening. Would it be useful if I reviewed the abstracts in advance and sent you my ideas?

Which raises the issue about what decisions you are trying to make with the abstract review - are you simply assigning talks to sessions, or do you also want us to make decisions on poster vs platform, and the order of presentations?

If I could do a review in advance, you could ciruclate it among the committee members in advance.

Thanks!

peter