We’d like you to...

Lead an SEPM Research Conference

Tell me more...

SEPM Research Conference Purpose:
bring together the top researchers and students working on a topic;
bring multiple groups together for new synergies

Length:
typically 3 - 5 days; enough time for immersion

Size:
50 - 80 is optimal. 100 is too many; >35 needed for financial viability

Location:
pleasant, semi-isolated surroundings with some recreational activities available. Field trips are encouraged but not necessary.

Scheduling:
open and flexible. Leaders have latitude to create a mix of talks, posters, discussions and field trips as they’d like. Numerous timeslots for individual and group discussion are key for a successful conference. Location and dates are flexible.

Why lead a Research Conference?
Opportunity to:
• build a better network in your field, especially for new research directions and early career researchers
• demonstrate leadership service in a professional society; fun way to give back.
• build an honorarium into the budget to compensate you for your time & expertise.
• share unique outcrops; promote your team’s results

I’m in, what’s next?
Contact the SEPM Research Councilor with your idea.

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Any SEPM staff or council member can take your name and note your interest.

Prepare a written proposal with the following parts:
• conference title
• conference leader name(s) and contact information
• start and end dates and locations
• summary of purpose, scope, and why it is timely
• tentative program outline (oral, poster, discussion, field sessions)
• anticipated number of participants, with maximum and minimum number
• key supporting participants or leaders (optional)
• tentative expenses/budget and potential sponsorship sources (if applicable)

Pro tip:
Form a team of leaders
(2 - 4 people)
to spread out the tasks