

Call for Innovation Spotlight speakers

The Innovation Spotlight was a well-received feature at the last Breakwaters event in 2017 and will return in 2023. They are an opportunity to share the latest research, technological advancement, or product development, even if in its infancy, to the wider coastal engineering community. The aim is to shine a light on innovation, with dedicated sessions designed to facilitate the early release of new ideas, pioneering research, design guidance, best practice, specialist advice and services.

Innovation Spotlight speakers will be given the opportunity to showcase their work through a short presentation during one of the Breakwaters sessions, supply an accompanying poster which will be displayed in the exhibition area during the event, and provide a briefing paper to be shared with all delegates and included in the published conference proceedings.

As with regular speaking slots, Innovation Spotlight speakers are expected to pay a registration fee. The speaker early bird rate is GBP 565.00 +VAT (early bird price ends 31 January 2023).

To be considered for one of these opportunities, all we need from you is a pitch, not exceeding a single side of A4. This pitch can include figures / photos / diagrams and should be not more than 300 words – how you present it is up to you.

If you're interested in being an Innovation Spotlight speaker/author, please submit your one-page abstract by email to breakwaters@ice.org.uk by **12 January 2023**.

Further details about ICE Coasts, Marine Structures and Breakwaters 2023 can be found [here](#).

What to expect – Innovation Spotlights:

Short talk

- 5 minutes duration, quick fire, with 10 other spotlight speakers.
- Shared Q&A at the end.
- Talks can (but don't have to) be supported by some PowerPoint slides. These should be in 16:9 widescreen format.

Briefing paper

- Maximum 4 pages, including all tables, images, and diagrams.
- You should submit your briefing paper in advance. We may request revisions.
- It is essential that you avoid any sort of sales/marketing pitch.
- Your paper will appear in the conference proceedings which will be distributed to all attendees.

Poster

- Please prepare your poster in portrait A0 format.
- It is essential that you avoid any sort of sales/marketing pitch.
- The design and printing of the poster is your responsibility, and you should bring your poster to the event in person.
- We will provide a freestanding board on which to mount your poster, and the thumb tacks/board pins to fix your poster to the board.
- The posters will be displayed within the exhibition area and will be operational for all 3 days of the event. You should be present and available by your poster during breaks and networking times, where you can talk about your product/project/innovation with attendees who will be circulating.