



Call for Papers

#ISMS17 Conference in Oslo, Norway – November 15-17 2017

The International Society for Military Sciences (ISMS) invites the submission of abstracts and full papers to be considered for presentation at the 9th annual ISMS conference. The conference will be hosted by the Norwegian Defence University College in Oslo (Norway) from November 15 – 17, 2017.

The theme of the 2017 conference will be **‘Military Sciences – The Backbone to Military Educational Institutions?’**. What we are looking for are abstract and paper proposals that explore the value of science in the sense of how can it play a meaningful role in military education – or not. More specifically, since ISMS is an interdisciplinary society we especially encourage submissions that digs into the sub-sciences of Military Sciences in an attempt to describe, understand and explain how science can contribute to prepare military units and their soldiers for the life and tasks of conducting military operations. As such, we urge our fellow scholars who teach at military educational institutions, within all disciplines, to look into, elaborate on and argue how science (on its own, in concert with the arts or even in contrast to arts) plays a role in their discipline and/or teaching.

Still, we want to stress that we welcome abstract and full paper submission for oral and poster presentations on any area of Military Sciences (broadly construed). Each abstract or full paper accepted will be presented either orally in one of the nine ISMS Working Groups, which are as follows: War Studies; Leadership, Command and Control; Security, Defence Policy and Strategy; Defence Management and Economics; Armed Forces and Society; Law and Ethics; Military History; Military Technology; and

Military Education, or as part of a poster session. Writers are asked to specify and prioritize at least two preferred Working Groups for their submission.

The Chairpersons of each Working Group together with the ISMS President will serve as the #ISMS17 Program committee and review abstracts. **Abstract deadline is set to 13 August 2017.** Contributors will be notified about the status of their abstracts no later than mid September 2017.

More detailed information on ISMS, the Working Groups, and eventually further information about the conference can be found at the ISMS website: <http://www.isofms.org/pagina/home.html>.

Attending #ISMS17 conference please plan to arrive on Wednesday, November 15 as the ISMS Welcome Reception will take place this afternoon. The conference panels will begin Thursday morning, November 16, with panels both morning and afternoon, and the conference dinner that evening. #ISMS17 will conclude on Friday, November 17, at dinner.

Guidelines for submitting abstracts

Ideally, each abstract should provide valuable scientific insight for the international community of military professionals and scholars. The #ISMS17 Conference will promote rigorous academic writing, and thus the submitted abstracts must be 500 – 1.200 words in length and include a brief summary of its research topic, keywords and at least three references to relevant scholarly publications that contextualize the topic. The deadline for submitting abstracts will be **13 August 2017**. The abstracts should be submitted in MS Word format, using the font Times New Roman and font size 12. All abstracts will undergo a review process, and authors will be notified no later than the beginning of August 2017 whether their abstract has been accepted for the Conference or not.

Guidelines for submitting full papers

In regards of the full paper proposals the #ISMS17 is collaborating with *The Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences Proceedings and Journal* [Kungl Krigsvetenskapsakademiens Handlingar och Tidskrift (KKrVAHT)] as to provide a well

established outlet that provides rigours peer-reviewed publishing. The journal covers the full spectrum of all military sciences and accepts manuscripts in both English and Scandinavian languages. Full paper submissions will be reviewed according to the journals standards and guidelines. Submitted papers will be published successively as they meet the required standard of the journal. Full papers should be in the range of 7 – 10 000 words or no more than 60 000 characters including spacing.

PS! Those who intend to submit a full paper for #ISMS17 will also need to submit an abstract proposal in accordance to the guidelines for submitting abstracts within **13 August 2017**.

Presentation format

Submissions will be designated to either oral or poster presentations by the Program committee. However, authors are expected to indicate preferred format when submitting their abstract.

Oral presentation: A spoken presentation with optional use of audiovisual equipment, including question and answer time (The length of the presentation and Q&A will be decided by the Program Committee, i.e. 10-20 min presentation + 3-5 mins Q&A).

Poster presentation: The content of the presentation is displayed on a poster, this usually means a mixture of a brief text mixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats. The presenter presents her/his contribution by standing together with the poster while the audience can come and view the presentation and interact with the author. The idea is to summarize the research in a short and concise manner that invites for an open discussion.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract and a short CV to the ISMS Secretary ISMS17@fhs.mil.no using 'Abstract and/or Paper Proposal' in the subject field.