

2022 Focused Symposia Rubric

Area	Inadequate (1)	Poor (2)	Average (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)
Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is unrelated and unlikely to be of interest to conference participants. ● Topic has little scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is of minimal interest to conference participants. ● Topic has limited scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The topic is relevant and is likely to be of interest to conference participants. ● Topic has some scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is highly relevant, and is likely to be of interest to many conference participants. ● Topic is valuable with high scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is extremely relevant and may be emerging as a new area of research/enquiry. This topic will be of significant interest to participants. ● Topic has significant scientific merit.
Symposia outline : Purpose, importance, significance and innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Symposium purpose is unclear and outline provides insufficient detail. ● The outline does not demonstrate the importance or significance of this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Symposium purpose is clear, however the outline lacks sufficient detail. ● The outline demonstrates the importance and significance of this area to a limited extent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Symposium purpose is clear and outline covers sufficient detail. ● The outline demonstrates the importance and significance of this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Symposium purpose is clear, the outline contains a good level of detail. ● The outline demonstrates the value, importance and significance of this area. ● Symposia outline is innovative and novel. ● Authors provide evidence to support their arguments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Symposium purpose is clear, the outline contains an excellent level of detail. ● The outline demonstrates the value, importance and significance of this area. ● Symposia outline is innovative and novel. ● Authors provide a balanced presentation of the evidence to support their arguments.
Quality and diversity of presenting team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team do not have expertise in topic area. ● No consideration given to diversity of presenting team in regards to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team have limited expertise in the topic area. ● Limited consideration given to diversity within the presenting team in regards to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members of the presentation team are recognised for their expertise in the area. ● Presenting team display diversity in a minimum of two categories related to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team have significant expertise in the topic area. ● Presenting team display diversity in three of the categories related to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team have significant expertise, and are highly regarded experts (relative to opportunity) within this topic area. Team are recognised as highly skilled communicators. ● Presenting team have a diverse profile in professional background, global region, gender, and career level.

2022 Debate/Current Controversies Rubric

Area	Inadequate (1)	Poor (2)	Average (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)
Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is unrelated and does not constitute a debate. ● Topic has little scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is of minimal interest to conference participants. ● Topic has limited scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The topic is relevant and is likely to be of interest to conference participants. ● The topic has some scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is highly relevant, and is likely to be of interest to many conference participants. ● Topic is valuable with high scientific merit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic is extremely relevant and may be emerging as a new area of research/enquiry. This topic will be of significant interest to participants. ● Topic has significant scientific merit.
Outline of Debate / Controversy Demonstrates the Importance and Significance of the topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Debate outline provides insufficient detail and the purpose is unclear. ● The outline does not demonstrate the importance or significance of this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Debate purpose is clear, however the outline lacks sufficient detail of the opposing arguments. ● The outline demonstrates the importance and significance of this area to a limited extent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Debate purpose is clear and outline covers sufficient detail of the opposing arguments. ● The outline demonstrates the importance and significance of this area . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Debate purpose is clear, the outline contains a good level of detail. ● The outline demonstrates the importance and significance of the controversy. ● Authors provide evidence to support their arguments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Debate purpose is clear, the outline contains an excellent level of detail. ● The outline demonstrates the value, importance and significance of the controversy. ● Authors provide thorough evidence to support their arguments.
Quality (reputation) of debating team(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team do not have expertise in topic area. ● No consideration given to diversity of presenting team in regards to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team have limited expertise in the topic area. ● Limited consideration given to diversity within the presenting team in regards to professional background, global region, gender, and career level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members of the presentation team are recognised for their expertise in the area. ● Presenting team display diversity in a minimum of two categories related to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team have significant expertise in the topic area. ● Presenting team display diversity in three of the categories related to professional background, global region, gender, and career level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation team have significant expertise, and are highly regarded experts (relative to opportunity) within this topic area. Team are recognised as highly skilled communicators. ● Presenting team have a diverse profile in professional background, global region, gender, and career level.