



# CALL FOR PAPERS

The USSD annual conference travels to beautiful Charleston, SC in 2021. Charleston is a world-class destination with an easily accessible airport, beautiful beaches, historic surroundings, highly acclaimed restaurants and lots of shopping.

The Southeastern U.S. has experienced numerous dam failures over the last several years, including numerous incidents in central and coastal regions of the Carolinas during historic flooding in 2015 and the failure of 25 dams from Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Next year also marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centers and Pentagon. While no dams or levees were compromised during the attacks, the event resulted in large changes in the approach to infrastructure security nationwide.

## CONFERENCE THEME:

**April 12–16, 2021**

**Safety, Security, and Emergency Response in the 21st Century**

Conference Technical Program Chair:

**Conrad Ginther (Black & Veatch)**

The Conference Technical Program Planning Committee is soliciting abstracts, conference workshops, and session proposals for the 2021 Annual Conference in Charleston, April 12-16, 2021. Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts on topics addressed by the USSD Technical Committees.

- Advocacy and Public Awareness
- Concrete Dams
- Construction and Rehabilitation
- Dam Decommissioning
- Dam Safety
- Earthquakes
- Embankment Dams
- Environment and Sustainability
- Foundations
- Hydraulics and Hydrology
- Levees
- Monitoring of Dams and their Foundations
- Public Safety, Security and Emergency Management for Dams
- Tailings Dams
- Other Contemporary Issues

## Specialty Tracks

If you are interested in coordinating a specialty track on a specific topic, please send a message to [2021conference@ussdams.org](mailto:2021conference@ussdams.org). Specialty tracks will run concurrently with other tracks in the technical program. Abstracts will need to be submitted in Cvent Abstract Management for each presentation proposed for a specialty track.

All accepted presenters must prepare either a full paper (10-15 pages) OR an expanded abstract (2-5 pages), which will be included in the electronic conference proceedings. Guidelines for preparing full papers or expanded abstracts will be provided upon acceptance. Abstracts will be selected by members of the Technical Program Planning Committee based on scientific/engineering merit, relevance, and overall quality. Due to time and space constraints, it is possible that not all submissions will be selected for the Conference. Please do not submit an abstract unless the following two conditions can be met:

1. You have approval from your employer and/or client to present on the topic.
2. The work/results discussed in your paper/presentation will be substantially complete by the final submission deadline of **March 12, 2021**.

All authors and presenters are expected to attend the conference and grant USSD permission to publish and distribute papers/expanded abstracts and presentations.

## Call For Workshops

Several workshops, organized by USSD Technical Committees, will be held during the conference. USSD Technical Committees are invited to submit workshop proposals at <http://www.ussdams.org/2021-papers/>

**Submit your abstract for technical tracks or workshops no later than June 6 at <http://www.ussdams.org/2021-papers/>**

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