

CERME12 Guidelines for Authors

CERME deliberately and distinctively moves away from research presentations by individuals towards collaborative group work. Its main feature is the *Thematic Working Group* (TWG) whose members work together on a common research domain. TWGs will have about 13 hours over four days in which to meet and progress their work. Conference participants are expected to work within just one group. In addition, there will be plenary activities and a poster session.

There will initially be 27 Thematic Working Groups at CERME12: details about the focus of each group can be accessed from the list of the TWGs [here](#). Researchers wishing to have their work discussed at the conference should submit a paper or a poster proposal to one of these TWGs. **CERME papers and posters must be about research** (empirical, theoretical, or developmental).

If you wish to submit a paper or a poster to this conference, it should be uploaded on the [submission website](#) (see the detailed procedure below). If you are unsure about which group your paper/poster fits best, please indicate this in the “Additional Comments” field when making your submission. The receiving TWG Leader will consult with the Co-Leaders and the International Programme Committee (IPC) and, if necessary, forward it to another group, informing you about what has been done. If you are unhappy with the outcome, you can contact the Chair of the IPC, Jeremy Hodgen (jeremy.hodgen@ucl.ac.uk).

All papers go through an open review process in which those who submit papers are asked to act as reviewers for other papers. Each prospective presenting author may be asked to review up to two papers. Guidelines for papers and for the review process can be found on the conference website. Poster proposals are reviewed by the TWG Leaders and Co-Leaders.

The proceedings of CERME are published after the conference. Accepted papers from each TWG are grouped together with an overview of the group's work. Acceptance of a paper or a poster in the TWG at the conference **does not automatically guarantee publication in the post-conference proceedings**. Before publication, papers and posters need to be modified according to the specifications of the TWG Leaders and the feedback received in the TWG. It is an aim to be as inclusive as possible in accepting papers for discussion at CERME, and also to ensure the quality of what is published in the name of the society, ERME. Only the papers which were presented at the conference by at least one of the authors can be published in the conference proceedings. **More details are given in the [Guidelines for Reviewers](#) and the [Guidelines for TWG Leaders](#)**

Collections of CERME papers from one TWG or related TWGs may be published in books or special issues of scientific journals. The authors may also explore other publication alternatives for their papers, such as journal articles and book chapters, always indicating that a previous version was presented at CERME. The copyright of each paper rests with the authors, unless different provisions are made for publication with the authors' agreement.

The CERME12 Template for papers and poster proposals

For your convenience, and also in order to achieve a uniform appearance for all CERME12 papers, we provide a template for your document. The template is available to download from this web site: [CERME12 template](#). Please **use this template** in order to format your document and do not change the styles or margins given in the template. Notice that for posters, you do not need to write an abstract. When you start using your template you are advised to save a backup copy, delete the text in the template in which you write your paper, and save that document under a new name.

Submission of Papers

CERME12 uses an [electronic submission system](#) managed by ConfTool. The authors submit the initial version of their paper on the website (uploading it as both a Word file (.doc or .docx) and a PDF file (.pdf), and titled using the following format: AuthorName_TWGXX.doc). The TWG Leader will organize an internal review in the TWG. The final version of the papers will be directly submitted by the authors on the submission website.

An online submission system is an important tool, for a large conference like CERME. **It is necessary that everyone strictly adhere to all the deadlines indicated below:**

- Initial submission via the [CERME12 ConfTool Submission System](#) by authors: **15th September 2021**.
- TWG Leaders send a bulk mail to the authors via ConfTool to inform them about the review results, status of their submission and revisions requested by **4th November 2021**.
- Young Researchers are encouraged to enter their paper for the [ERME Paper Award](#) (Deadline: 15th November 2021),
- The authors submit a revised version with a description of the changes made to ConfTool by **25th November 2021**.
- The TWG team takes the final decision and informs the authors by **6th December 2021**, and, if needed, discusses with them the final adjustments to the papers.
- The authors upload the final version of their paper via ConfTool by **13th December 2021**.

The format of papers must be as follows.

1. Write the paper in English using *Times New Roman* **12-point font**, 16-point line space, and 6 points between paragraphs; occupying a frame of 170 by 247 mm.
2. **You must use the [CERME12 paper template](#)**. Do not amend the styles in this template.
3. Restrict your paper to a maximum of **eight pages**, including references, figures and appendices. You may bring multiple copies of a longer version for distribution at the CERME12 Conference.
4. Type and centre the title (in 16 point bold), author(s) name(s) (in 12 point bold), and affiliation(s) of author(s) (in 12 point italics) in this order; all in *Times New Roman*.
5. Underline the name of the presenting author(s).
6. Begin the paper with an abstract of up to ten lines, single-spaced, in italics.
7. Indicate up to five key-words for the paper below the abstract.

8. Give references in the APA (7th Edition) style:
(https://www.tandf.co.uk//journals/authors/style/reference/tf_APA.pdf).

Note that papers not using this format in full will not be accepted.

In order to get an idea of the criteria for the quality of papers, please follow the [Guidelines for Reviewers](#).

Submission of Posters

The submission of posters has distinct stages.

Firstly, a proposal for the poster (two pages, format presented below) is submitted either as .doc or .docx on the [CERME12 submission website](#). The TWG Leader organizes an internal review in the TWG.

If the poster proposal is accepted, then the author brings a hard copy of the poster to the conference.

Please take very seriously all the deadlines indicated below:

- Initial submission by authors of a two-page poster proposal via ConfTool: **15th September 2021**.
- The TWG Leader sends authors decision and details of revisions requested on **12th November 2021**.
- Authors are encouraged to enter their paper for the [ERME Poster Award](#) (Deadline: 25th November 2021),
- The authors upload a revised version of their two-page proposal to ConfTool **by 25th November 2021**.
- The TWG team takes the final decision and informs the authors by **6th December 2021**, and, if needed, discusses with them the final adjustments to the poster proposals.
- The authors upload the final version of their two-page poster proposals via ConfTool by **13th December 2021**.

The format of poster proposals must be as follows.

For the first proposal (in both Word and PDF format), submitted on CERME12 submission website)

1. Restrict your proposal to a maximum of **two pages**.
2. The proposal must include a title, up to three key-words, and some references. It must also include a short description of the research topic, the theoretical framework, the method, and, if possible, research results and implications based on the research results.
3. **Use the [CERME12 template](#)**: Write the proposal in English using *Times New Roman* 12-point font, 16-point line space, and 6 points between paragraphs; occupying a frame of 170 by 247 mm.

4. Type and center the title (in 16 point bold), author(s) name(s) (in 12 point bold), and affiliation(s) of author(s) (in 12 point italics) in this order; all in *Times New Roman*.
5. Underline the name of the presenting author(s).
6. Give references in the APA 7th Edition style:
(https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/reference/tf_APA.pdf).

For the physical poster

1. Ensure that the digital poster corresponds to A0 size.
2. The poster must include a title, a short description of the research topic, the theoretical framework, the method, and, if possible, research results and implications based on the research results.
3. Remember, that poster is a visual medium. We recommend using diagrams, tables, and pictures in posters.

Note that poster proposals not using this format in full will not be accepted.

In order to get an idea of the criteria for the quality of posters, please follow [Guidelines for Reviewers](#).

If your proposal is accepted, a rectangular board will be made available at the conference for the presentation of your poster.

Any Questions?

Any questions about paper and poster proposals not covered in the Guidelines above may be directed to any TWG Leader or Co-Leader.