



PASSIVHUS
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Criteria for abstracts, papers and posters for the Passivhus Norden Conference in Gothenburg 27-29th April, 2009

The Second Passivhus Norden Conference is divided into two parts, the Research and Development part and the Practice and Implementation part. Following topics are considered for the Conference:

Research and Development:

- Passivhus Norden Criteria and relation to building regulations
- Calculation methods
- Energy supply systems for passive houses
- Ventilation
- Components; performance and development
- Indoor climate
- Experience from built examples; new and renovated (including design, construction, evaluation)
- Environmental analyses
- Certification of passive houses
- Experiences from areas with cold climate outside the Nordic Region

The Research and Development cover papers presenting scientific data, results from scientific research work, analysis, etc. Scientific reflection on problems and practices in passive house practice also fall into this category. Abstracts, papers and presentations should be in English language. Size of the paper: max 8 pages.

Practice and Implementation:

- Planning and Architecture, detailed design
- Construction and quality of building
- Products and components
- Hinders and barriers for building passive houses
- Experiences from realized projects, user perspective
- Rebuilding and Refurnishment
- Costs vs profit of building passive houses
- Training and education with focus on passive houses
- Experiences outside the Nordic countries

The Popular session will present problems and challenges encountered in practice, discuss insights, innovations in industrial practice, success and failure stories. The focus is on 'what' and on lessons learned, not on an in-depth analysis of 'why'. Otherwise, consider submitting the paper for the Research and Development part. Abstracts, papers and presentations can be in a Nordic or English language. Size of the paper: max 8 pages.

Abstracts and papers for the Conference will be reviewed by the International Scientific Committee consisting of representatives from Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark. The Committee will be divided into groups which will review the abstracts according to the selected topics. The final decision about accepted abstracts will be made by the whole group.

The number of selected papers for presentation is limited to 48. In addition there will be poster presentations at the Conference.



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General recommendations and notes:

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- The **title** of the paper should be clear and informative, containing key elements of the covered topic in the paper. If selected it will also be the title of the presentation.
- Have in mind **who is the target group** of the Conference – passive house researchers, practitioners, city planners, product producers etc.
- Abstracts, papers and posters for the Conference should not be used for advertising products. Place is provided at the Conference for exhibition and presentation of products.
- For submitting an abstract and paper **use the formatting templates provided**. The submitted documents should be in Microsoft Word where Language, Electronic format and Layout should be followed.
- Depending on the selected Conference part (R&D or P&I) use the language defined in the description above. It is the responsibility of the authors that the papers are written in correct British, U.S. English, or Nordic language. The editors will not be doing any text editing or reformatting.
- All diagrams, pictures, tables, and equations should be visible and readable. Since Conference proceedings will be available only in digital form, colours may be used in figures. However, have in mind that if someone decides to print out the selected document in black and white form that the colours in the figures should be graded for easy recognition.
- Please submit an electronic copy of the abstract, and if accepted paper, in Microsoft Word (name the file as: Last Name of the First Author.doc, e.g. Bergman.doc). Along with the submission please mention for which Conference part you are applying. Documents should be sent to phn09@ivl.se
- For submitting an abstracts and papers use the provided template
- Abstracts, papers and posters must reach the destination prior to the deadlines.
- If the abstract is accepted for the paper or poster, you are committed to give a presentation at the Conference. One person is then eligible for a reduced Conference fee amounting to 4000 SEK.

Abstracts:

- The abstract should give enough information on the contents of the proposed paper to enable the Scientific Committee to evaluate it. Introductory and general matters should not be included.
- Word limit for the abstract is 500. With the abstract include key references only.
- Please make a note with submitting the abstract if it is for a paper or a poster.
- All abstracts submitted will be peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee before being accepted. Authors will be notified by e-mail of abstract acceptance no later than 8th December 2008.

Papers:

Full papers of the accepted abstracts will be reviewed.

- If accepted, the full paper should address the topic and questions brought up in the abstract.
- Two papers presenting the same material based on different abstracts will not be accepted.
- Deadline for submitting the paper is 20 January 2009.
- Papers will be peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee before being finally accepted. Authors will be notified by e-mail of paper acceptance, rejection or necessary improvements no later than 12th March 2009.

Posters:

During the Conference place will be available for a poster exhibition.

- During February 2009 a template for the poster will be created and sent out. The poster should be then made as a pdf and sent to phn09@ivl.se no later than April 1st 2009.



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Paper presentations:

- Presentation time dedicated for one paper presentation is 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for questions and change of speaker.
- Presentations should be titled the same as the abstract and the paper.
- Presentations should be handed to the organiser the latest six days before the Conference, on Tuesday 21st April 2009. Presentations can be either in pdf-format or ppt-format (PowerPoint).

Evaluation criteria

The Scientific committee will use the following basic criteria for evaluating the contributions:

- Choice of the topic. Does the chosen topic match some of the Conference topics? Is it interesting? Is it too wide or narrow?
- Is the work original? Does it present new data (if relevant) and does it make a contribution to passive house development in the Nordic region and beyond?
- Is the contribution timely in terms of current issues of interest in the field of passive houses?
- Is the work completed, or does it show very strong promise of being completed in time for the conference?
- Are the conclusions clear?
- Are the abstract and paper written clearly and organized well?
- Is the contribution of scientific, public or international importance?
- Is the contribution likely to be of interest to a reasonable number of attendees at Passivhus Norden Conference?
- Is it written in a professional way?
- Is it written in a scientific way (for the Research and Development part)?

Important dates:

Paper abstracts:	October 21st 2008
Confirmation of abstract acceptance:	December 8th 2008
Full paper submission:	January 20th 2009
Confirmation of paper acceptance:	March 12th 2009
Presentation submission:	April 21th 2009
Conference:	April 27th - 29th 2009

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