Ecolinc Sustainability Expo – Sunday March 26\textsuperscript{th} 2017
Scientific Poster Competition
Year 7-10

The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.

Students are invited to develop and submit a scientific poster as part of the Ecolinc Sustainability Expo Poster competition.

Students are to choose one of the following topics, research and present a scientific poster on A3 sized poster paper. The scientific poster should reflect scientific poster conventions as outlined on: [http://www.makesigns.com/tutorials/scientific-poster-parts.aspx](http://www.makesigns.com/tutorials/scientific-poster-parts.aspx)

**Topic:**

1. Some of Earth’s resources are renewable, others are not.
2. Water is an important resource

**Criteria:**

- Clear and concise information
- Relevant and organised content
- Creative design & layout
- Understandable and visually appealing images, charts & graphs

**Due Date for Submission:**
Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} March 2017.
The Effect of Growing Grass on Soil Erosion

Heading (Calibri: 44 Points, Bold)
The first section of the poster should define the topic and show its importance. A good test is whether the poster can orient the audience to these two aspects in 20 seconds. Shown in Figure 1 is a possible layout for a poster. Note that this poster uses sentences for the headings. These sentences tell the story of the poster. If using sentences for the headings, you will want to reduce the type size of the heading. This section was set in Calibri, boldface, 36 points.

Figure 1. Example poster with caption at 36 points [1].

Heading (Calibri: 44 Points, Bold)
The second section of the poster might serve a number of purposes: background, methods, or system design. An important point with posters is to rely on visuals rather than longs blocks of text to communicate. Figure 2 shows another possible layout for a poster. Notice how the middle column is used for illustrations. Also, note how the top illustrations serve to orient the reader to the title. This section was set in Calibri, boldface, 40 points.

Figure 2. Another example poster with caption at 36 points [2].

Heading (Calibri: 44 Points, Bold)
At least one section of the poster should present results. An important point with posters is to rely on visuals rather than longs blocks of text to communicate. Figure 3 shows another possible layout for posters. This section was set in Calibri, boldface, 36 points.

Figure 3. Another example poster with caption at 36 points [3].

Heading (Calibri: 44 Points, Bold)
The final section of the poster generally provides conclusions and recommendations. This section was set in Calibri, boldface, 36 points. As with the first section, this section is read by most passers-by.

Acknowledgments (Calibri, 32 points)
In this template, acknowledgments are set in Calibri, 28 points. Try to keep the acknowledgments to one or two lines.

 References (Calibri, 32 points)