

Guidelines for BoF Organizers

ISC 2025

Thank you very much for submitting a Bird-of-a-Feather proposal at ISC High Performance. Please find some helpful information below. If you have further questions, please contact: program-support@isc-events.com for organizational matters or our chairs with bofs-2025@isc-events.com for content issues.

GOAL

The ISC Birds-of-a-Feather (BoF) sessions aim to provide attendees with a common interest in a specific topic or members of a focus group, a platform for short updates, statements, and discussions in an informal and highly interactive way.

BoF organizers and participants are typically special interest groups that discuss experiences, competing and alternative concepts, and an outlook on the future. BoF sessions also provide networking opportunities, given their highly informal structure, which encourages participants to share ideas and opinions.

BoFs differ from panels, technical paper sessions, tutorials, vendor talks, and other, more lecture-oriented parts of the ISC program.

HOW TO STRUCTURE AND RUN A SUCCESSFUL BOF

- Stick to the objective of the BoF as outlined in the accepted title and abstract. Combine short presentations/updates, community discussions, and question-and-answer slots
- Constantly encourage discussions and other forms of participation – encourage attendees to mention their names and institutions/universities/companies.
- Guide discussions if they lose focus but also prepare targeted questions in advance to keep moving the BoF on track

PLEASE NOTE

Not accepted are:

- Lecture-like presentations, sales pitches, product demos, and marketing talks
- Short presentations by BoF organizers in the form of a panel with Q&A involving the panelists

Sessions that would use more than one-third of the allocated time (20 minutes) for presentations and updates should justify why this is necessary while ensuring interactivity with attendees.

BoFs will not be streamed or recorded to ensure an informal atmosphere is maintained.

Clearly indicate the role of each organizer, e.g. as moderator or presenter, as well as any expected/potential additional speakers and their affiliations (which may be updated for the program materials).