



Call for Presentation Abstracts

The Organizing Committee is inviting you to join our list of reputable speakers, by submitting an abstract within the range of topics described on the following pages.

Preference will be given to abstracts that contribute to the sharing, exchanging, understanding and advancement of knowledge in these fields: practical case studies, concept development, methodologies, tools and techniques – including ideas that are not yet proven but push the boundaries.

Presentations may lead to the publication of articles, white papers, research papers or conference proceedings that add value to the broader fields of risk management, leadership and organizational safety.

The Committee will not consider papers that aim to promote consulting services or personal publications.

Please complete the below form and email a pdf to contact@safetyontheedge.com

Name

Job Title

Phone Number

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Subject Title (maximum 50 words)

Abstract (maximum 400 words)

Conference Topics

► Note that you will be contacted once the committee has reviewed your submission.

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This is not a call for papers. It is a call for nerve.

The most important work in safety, and in the operations that safety serves, is unpublished. It sits inside organizations as hard-won practice, inside research groups as half-proven theory, and inside the minds of operators, engineers and leaders as ideas they have not yet dared to say out loud. In Savannah, we intend to put it on stage. And we are not only looking in safety: if your breakthrough lives in operations, engineering, maintenance, HR, technology or data science, it belongs at this Forum.

Three doors onto the stage

1. Pioneering concepts

New frameworks, new theory, new ways of seeing risk, work and organization. The ideas that will be orthodox in fifteen years and are uncomfortable today.

2. Best-in-class case studies

Not success stories: evidence. What was attempted, what it cost, what actually happened, and what broke along the way – presented by the people who did it, with the numbers on the table.

3. The unproven

The door most conferences keep locked. Pilots in progress, experiments with incomplete data, hypotheses that might be wrong. Tell us what you believe, why, and what would prove you wrong.

Aim your submission at an Edge



The Leading Edge

Best-in-class practice that exists inside organizations but is invisible to the outside world.

The Cutting Edge

The pioneers: past, present and next voices. New thinkers and first-time presenters are welcome here.

The Front Edge

Work, risk and safety 15–20 years out, under Industry 4.0/5.0, AI, autonomy and automation.

The Razor Edge

Where safety meets engineering, HR, sustainability, operations and technology. Non-safety contributions land here.

The Cliff Edge

Catastrophe, serious injury and fatality, and the boundary of failure – the risks frequency metrics cannot see.

What we will decline, without apology

- Product pitches and vendor showcases dressed as thought leadership.
- Recycled decks that have toured the conference circuit.
- Motivational content without mechanism; success stories without evidence.
- Anything that only confirms what the room already believes.

The Forum is deliberately small and deliberately curated. Fewer speaking places exist than good submissions will arrive; selection is competitive, and curation is the point.

How to answer this call

Use the form on page one: a subject title (50 words) and an abstract of no more than 400 words, answering four questions:

- What is the idea, the case, or the experiment?
- Which door does it come through, and which Edge does it stand on?
- What is the evidence – or the honest state of the uncertainty?
- Why does it matter to a room of senior leaders from every operational discipline?



The Forum May 11–14, 2027, Savannah, Georgia
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Conference Topics

Call for abstracts in the following fields of study and application:

Leadership, Culture and Organizational Development

Integrates leadership, positive safety culture and organizational development. Emphasizes leadership commitment, effective communication, trust and employee engagement; training; safety embedded as a core value across all organizational operations; and a focus on mental wellness, psychological safety and psychosocial risk.

SIF Risk Management

The risks that kill: serious injury, fatality and catastrophic risk. SIF-potential precursor identification, critical control management and in-field verification, high-consequence low-probability events, tail risk and process safety interfaces, and learning from high-potential events and near misses that lagging metrics cannot see.

Organizational Performance

How organizations achieve reliable performance in high-risk environments: the HRO principles – preoccupation with failure, reluctance to simplify, sensitivity to operations, commitment to resilience, deference to expertise – organizational drift and the normalization of deviance, how organizations sense and metabolize risk signals, management system maturity, operational discipline, and measuring what actually predicts performance beyond injury frequency rates.

HOP / Safety II / Safety Differently

The new view of safety: work-as-done versus work-as-imagined, error as a symptom of system conditions rather than a cause, learning teams and blame-free learning, building capacity rather than constraining behavior, and learning from success and normal work – plus the practical challenges of operationalizing these principles in real organizations.

Safety / Process Engineering

Safe, efficient operations through safety by design: risk assessments, hazard analyses, integrating safety features, complying with standards, safety instrumented systems, emergency preparedness, human factors in design, reliability enhancement, process safety, accident investigation and communication.

Systems Thinking in Safety

Safety as an emergent property of complex systems: complexity and coupling, interactions and emergence, modern accident models and analysis methods (including STAMP and FRAM), constraint and control structures, unintended consequences of interventions, and designing organizations that can see and manage systemic risk.

Behavioral / Cognitive

Understanding and influencing human behavior and cognition to improve safety outcomes: risk perception, cognitive biases and heuristics, attention and fatigue, decision-making under pressure, and interventions designed to work with – not against – how the brain actually operates. Integrates psychology, sociology, behavior based safety (BBS), human factors and organizational behavior.

Technology / Next Generation Tools

Advanced tools to enhance safety and prevent accidents: real-time monitoring, sensors and IoT, predictive analytics and machine learning, applications of Artificial Intelligence and their governance, drones, robotics, wearable tech, AR/VR training, automation, biometric access, virtual assessments and autonomous systems – and data analytics as a safety discipline.

Sustainability / ESG

Safety's place in the sustainability agenda: the “S” in ESG, social performance and human rights in operations and supply chains, health and wellbeing as sustainability outcomes, board-level governance of safety, disclosure and reporting frameworks, climate-related operational risk, and the convergence of safety, environment and community performance.



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