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2016 National Monitoring Conference Updates

Key Dates in the Conference Planning Process

- ▶ Select site for conference – Done
- ▶ Save the Date sent out – Done - March 2015
- ▶ Call for Abstracts sent out – May 2015
- ▶ Abstracts due and review teams set up – September 2015
- ▶ Finalize sessions; confirm plenary speakers – December 2015
- ▶ Conference registration website open – December 2015/January 2016
- ▶ Notify presenters/moderators, send out instruction packets – January/Feb 2016
- ▶ Final conference program developed – March 2016
- ▶ The conference: May 2016

Some new decisions:

- ▶ Start times stay the same
- ▶ Opening plenary length - 90 min
- ▶ Networking
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 - ▶ Facilitated round table
 - ▶ Social mixers
- ▶ Google forms for extended session submittal
- ▶ Deadlines: September 18, 2015 for abstracts; January 15, 2016 for notification



Some Next Steps

- ▶ Finalize and send out Call for Abstracts
- ▶ Prepare and post ACWI conference website and Abstract Submittal website
- ▶ Start recruiting: exhibitors, sponsors, presenters, session “champions,” awards, plenary speakers
- ▶ Organize into abstract review teams
- ▶ Develop items for registration website to go live Dec/Jan
 - ▶ Field trips and social events
 - ▶ Other special sessions requiring payment