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6th - 7th July 2021

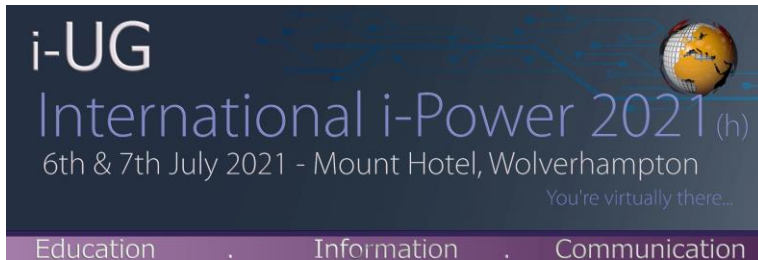
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Call for Papers

The i-UG Board is currently planning the agenda for **International i-Power 2021**.

In these continuing, uncertain times, we have decided to change the location of this year's conference to [The Mount Hotel in Wolverhampton \(UK\)](#), a venue where we have had many successful events in the past.

Following on from the UK Government's plans to ease lockdown announced on 22nd February, we have also decided to move the event back by one month to:

Tuesday 6th of July (Day 1) & Wednesday 7th of July. (Day 2).

Accordingly, i-UG is now inviting submissions for presentations & educational sessions to be included in the two-day programme.

- 1) As with our previous educational event in December last year, this will be a **Hybrid Conference** and we are planning to have a mix of **local & remote presentations**.

So this year we are asking you the additional question...

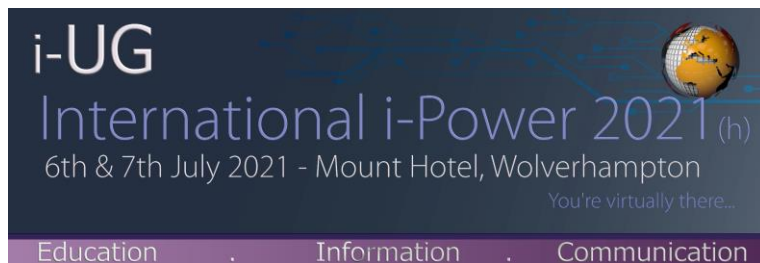
Can your session be presented:

- Locally?
- Remotely? or
- In a hybrid format?

This is obviously very important as we understand that not every topic will lend itself to being presented remotely.

- 2) Also on Day 1, to better suit the hybrid model, this year will be a mixture of hands-on & tutor led workshops of between 2 & 4 hours duration.

We are sure that everyone is aware that what we are actually able to deliver on the days of the conference will obviously be subject to whatever Government COVID-19 restrictions/guidelines are in place on the days of the conference.



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Categories

This year we are looking for **three** categories of presentations:

- Educational Workshops – Day 1
- Conference Presentations – Day 2
- User Experience Panel sessions – Day 2

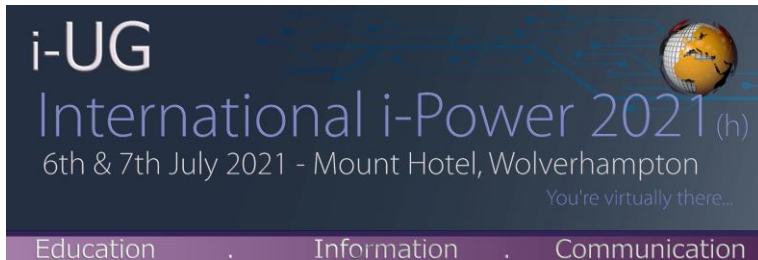
Suggestions submitted will be reviewed for inclusion in the agenda and should be based upon the following appropriate criteria for the session type as below.....

1) Educational Workshops – Day 1

We are looking here for an extended type of presentation where the presenter can go into much more detail than a traditional 45 minute session. Whilst not a deep-dive workshop, the presentation may well include a live demonstration and there will certainly be plenty of opportunities to ask questions throughout.

The Workshops will: -

- Be classroom education sessions
- Can be hands-on (Limited IBM Power servers will be available, you will need to confirm your requirements before we can accept the session) or tutor led.
- Deliver educational material to complement the session
- Be suitable to have users receive certification on the subject at the level of the workshop
- **Be of 2 to 4 hours duration**
- Have document handouts for reference for the users after the education
- Have guidance on the specification of PC and any prerequisite software or knowledge
- Be suitable for 10 to 30 delegates (room sizes and IBM Power resource restrictions may be applied)
- **Note:** If your topic is selected for inclusion and proves to be popular with delegates, it may be useful to be able to provide a **"Class-Room Assistant"** to help out with individual questions on the day.



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2) Conference Presentations – Day 2

i-UG is looking for - overviews - tips and techniques - technical sessions - and sessions that compare IBM i related products & services. These sessions must be: -

- **45 minutes duration**
- Must be Educational or Information based - **NOT** a marketing/sales session or a product pitch.

In both categories 1) & 2) we are inviting lectures & sessions that cover, but are not limited to:

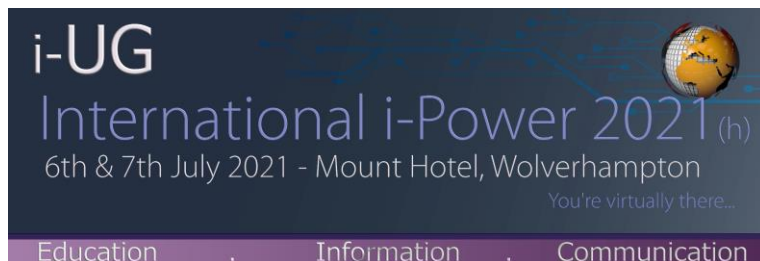
1. System and Technology
2. Security: Cyber Security, Intrusion Detection, Data Protection, Network Access Control, Encryption, Social Engineering.
3. Application Development (legacy)
4. Application Development (new technologies)
5. WebSphere / Lotus / Tivoli / Other IBM Software brands that run on IBM i
6. IT Strategy and Organization
7. Open Source Tool Kit (E.g. Python, Node.JS, Git, Eclipse Orion, Cloud int for i, Nginx)
8. Mobile computing
9. Cloud computing
10. Business sessions
11. Networking
12. Artificial intelligence
13. Resilience: Clustering, High Availability, Backups

3) User Experience Panel session – Day 2

This has been very popular in previous years and so we are hoping to include this once again in 2021.

The format will be similar to previous years and we are looking at 3 or 4 user presentations (each around **15 to 20 minutes in duration**) to combine together into our **User Experience Panel** session. These will be delivered by the End User with assistance from their business partner if required.

Any interesting user experience relating specifically to IBM i or IT in general will be considered.



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Submission Deadline

Details of speakers, sessions & workshops must be provided on the attached **Speaker Submission Form** and submitted to i-UG by close of business on Tuesday 30th March 2021.

Decision Deadline

We will endeavour to make the final choices for inclusion on the agenda by Friday 23rd April 2021.

Decision Criteria

The criteria for the inclusion or omission of any session/workshop will be to compile the most balanced and interesting agenda, to attract as many delegates as possible.

All decisions will be taken by the Board of the i-UG and will be final.