

MEMORANDUM

To: All Department Heads and Chairpersons of Departments of Animal, Dairy, Poultry, or Veterinary Sciences at Universities in the States of California and Nevada

From: Jason Brixey, M.S., PAS
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Subject: Call for abstracts to be presented as poster presentations and scholarship award at the 2018 California Animal Nutrition Conference, May 2 & 3, 2018, to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Fresno Convention Center in Fresno, CA

Please post this memorandum and pass this information on to faculty and students in your department.

Since the 1940's, the California Animal Nutrition Conference (CANC) has provided a venue for communication between industry, academia and government on topics related to animal nutrition. To enhance the opportunities for students to participate in the California nutrition community, CANC will award prizes for poster presentations and a \$1500 scholarship award to a graduate student studying animal nutrition in California.

Poster Presentation Competitions:

Graduate Student Poster Competition:

The California Animal Nutrition Conference (CANC) will feature a Graduate Student Poster Competition to be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The poster session will facilitate the discussion of research among attendees and diversify the meeting format. Graduate students are encouraged to submit a research abstract (one) for participation in the poster session. All participants will receive a monetary award. Poster presentations will be judged and the following prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$1,250.00; 2nd - \$1000.00; 3rd - \$750.00. Abstracts of posters that are accepted for presentation will be published in the Proceedings of the California Animal Nutrition Conference.

Undergraduate Student Poster Competition (NEW):

New in 2018 is the Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, which will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a research abstract (one) for participation in the poster session. Poster presentations will be judged and the following prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$500.00; 2nd - \$250.00; 3rd - \$150.00. Only the selected winners will receive a monetary award. Abstracts of posters that are accepted for presentation will be published in the Proceedings of the California Animal Nutrition Conference.

Scholarship Award:

This scholarship will be awarded based upon merit of research conducted in the **graduate program**. The scholarship recipient will provide an oral presentation (10-12 minutes) of their research at the annual CANC meeting (**May 2-3, 2018**). A graduate student may apply for both Scholarship and the Graduate Student Poster Competition, but will only win one.

The **deadline** to submit materials for the poster competitions and / or the scholarship award is **March 1, 2018**. Students will be notified by email for acceptance or rejection of their abstract by April 1, 2018. To obtain more information or additional copies of the Poster and Scholarship Submission Form, Abstract Illustration, and Abstract Guidelines, please contact Ann Quinn at (916) 441-2272, CGFA, 1521 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ann@agamsi.com).

**Poster and Scholarship Submission Form for Graduate Students
at the California Animal Nutrition Conference**

1. Graduate Student Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Major Professor: _____

Major Professor Email: _____

Current Graduate Institution: _____

Degree and Program: _____

Units Completed: _____

GPA: _____

2. Which competition(s) would you like to enter? (you can check both)

_____ Poster competition _____ Animal Nutrition Scholarship Award

3. For the Poster Competition, please submit an abstract (follow instructions as outlined in the CANC Quality Standards for Abstracts) and this form

4. For the Scholarship Award, in addition to an abstract and this form, please submit a CV and 1 letter of Recommendation

This form must be completed and submitted along with the photo-ready copy of the abstract to:

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Sacramento, California 95814
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Deadline for receiving abstracts and the abstract submission form in the CGFA office is **March 1, 2018**. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by April 1, 2018.

**Poster Submission Form for Undergraduate Students
at the California Animal Nutrition Conference**

1. Undergraduate Student Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Professor: _____

Professor Email: _____

Current Undergraduate Institution: _____

Degree and Program: _____

Units Completed: _____

GPA: _____

2. Please submit an abstract (follow instructions as outlined in the CANC Quality Standards for Abstracts) and this form.

This form must be completed and submitted along with the photo-ready copy of the abstract to:

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SUGGESTED INSTRUCTION FOR CANC POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Presentations should be based on original and completed research not previously reported in a research publication. Sound experimental design and interpretation are essential. All data must be in metric system.

Abstracts scheduled for presentation in Poster Sessions will be listed in the CANC program and published in the usual manner. NOTE: Proceedings papers are required for Poster as well as oral presentations.

Each poster presentation will be scheduled for public viewing on Wednesday and Thursday, May 2 and 3, 2018. The author is to be available for judging and a question and answer period with the time to be determined by the CANC Steering Committee. Posters can be mounted on the board one-half hour prior to the designated display time. The poster presentations are also to be available for viewing on Thursday, May 3rd. Awards will be announced on Thursday morning. Each student that has their poster presentation accepted will receive detailed information regarding set-up time, viewing time and judging question and answer period.

The poster board surface area is 4' high and 6' wide. The top of the poster space should include the abstract, title, authors and affiliate organization for your abstract. The lettering for this section should be at least 1" high. A copy of the abstract should be located at the upper left top of the poster.

All illustrations should be made beforehand. Keep in mind that illustrations must be read by interested scientists from distances of about 3' or more. Charts, drawings and illustrations can be similar and more heavily drawn. "Arty-type" displays are discouraged. Simple use of color can add emphasis. Do not mount visuals on heavy board because these may be difficult to keep in position on the poster boards. Hand lettered material should contain appropriately heavy lettering at least 3/8" high. Shade block letters where possible. Keep illustrative material simple. Presenters might find it useful to have a tablet of suitable sketch paper and one or two felt marking pens available during the display period to use in answering questions. A listing of appropriate references can be helpful for interested scientists.

SUGGESTIONS FROM AUTHORS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN POSTER SESSIONS

A short and legible "introduction" chart and a "summary of conclusions" chart are helpful to the attendee.

Keep text and figure legends short, but do not omit them.

Simple use of color can add emphasis effectively.

Use large print - at least 3/8" high. Shade block letters where possible.

Abstract Guidelines

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An abstract is a communication of restricted length that permits informed readers to evaluate significant contributions of a scientific study, method or technique of teaching or extension. An abstract becomes a part of the permanent literature. Therefore, clearly stated, simple sentences with exact wording must be used to ensure clarity and brevity.

AN ABSTRACT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The objective(s) of the presentation is/are to be clearly and concisely stated at the beginning of the abstract.
2. Pertinent methodological conditions (such as population and sample, design, instrumentation, methodology used, assessment of methodology, data collection, and data analysis) are to be included to define the scope of the work.
3. The information in the abstracts is to include those details that directly influence the interpretation or enhance the understanding of the results or methodologies presented.
4. The results are to be compiled, condensed, and presented with great care. Only information that is discussed is to be presented. Only data relating to the objectives are to be reported. Any statistical inferences shall be sufficiently detailed to authenticate interpretation of the data. A simple illustrative table may be used if it is the most effective method to convey the results in a clear manner.
5. Abstracts detailing teaching/extension philosophy must be innovative, such as a new idea or creative modification or application of an existing idea. Abstracts are also to be of national significance, demonstrate application of said philosophy, and provide an evaluation of their effectiveness.
6. A clearly stated conclusion is essential.

AN ABSTRACT IS UNACCEPTABLE IF IT:

1. Contains grammatical error(s) and/or meaningless statements such as: "The results will be presented."
2. Presents data without appropriate statistical analyses or measurements of data variability.
3. Includes no data or statements relating to the objective(s).
4. Does not use the metric system.
5. Contains typing errors.
6. Fails to comply with submission requirements.
7. Presents opinion/speculation with no demonstrated use in a teaching/extension experience.

FORMAT FOR CAMERA READY COPIES OF ABSTRACTS TO BE PUBLISHED:

Abstracts accepted by the California Animal Nutrition Conference (CANC) Quality Review Committee will be published in the Proceedings of the California Animal Nutrition Conference and must follow the guidelines below:

1. Submit two camera-ready copies (i.e. do not fold, staple, bend, etc.) of the abstract on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. Authors are allowed a space of one side of an 8 ½" x 11" paper for the title and text of the abstract.
2. Margins: left side - 1 ½"; right, top and bottom sides - 1".

3. Suggested font size: 10 pitch.
4. Do NOT type a page number.
5. Abstract title: type the title with only the first word and proper nouns capitalized. Type the authors' names, listing initials first. Separate names by commas. Follow the author list with the authors' institution(s). Indicate major unit affiliation only (i.e. university, institute, center, service, or company); include city and/or state designation only when not in unit name.
6. Abstract text: Double space down from the last line of the title section and type the text of the abstract.

Questions should be directed to: ann@agamsi.com

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CONFERENCE
NAME, YEAR

TITLE
AUTHOR NAMES
AUTHOR AFFILIATION

ABSTRACT

MATERIALS & METHODS

BACKGROUND

RESULTS

OBJECTIVE/ HYPOTHESIS

CONCLUSIONS

RELEVANT REFERENCES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CANC GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION 2018

Student Name:

Poster Title:

Judge:

Scoring:

	Points Possible	Points Given
Organization – Poster contains required elements: Introduction, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions	10	
Creativity – Use of color, eye-catching, figures and graphics clear and appropriate	10	
Clarity – Legible lettering, contrast of poster is appropriate, spelling and grammar correct	10	
Technical knowledge - familiarity with subject matter using appropriate references for background, methods and conclusions	20	
Appropriate methodology and analysis B – appropriate design for question being asked, appropriate analyses for design	20	
Presentation – professional presentation of project, providing relevant information	20	
Questions – questions handled appropriately	10	
TOTAL	100	

Judges comments to presenter:

Judges confidential comments: