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: Ruben Almada
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Subject: Call for abstracts to be presented as poster presentations and scholarship awards at the 2023 California Animal Nutrition Conference, **May 10 & 11, 2023**, to be held at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center in Visalia, CA.

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

Since the 1940s, 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 $1,500 scholarship award to a graduate student studying animal nutrition in California.

Graduate Student Poster Competition
The California Animal Nutrition Conference will feature a Graduate Student Poster Competition to be held on Wednesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 11, 2023. 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.

Scholarship Award
This scholarship will be awarded based on the 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 10-11, 2022**). A graduate student may apply for both Scholarship and the Graduate Student Poster Competition but will only win one.

The **deadline** to **email (nicole@agamsi.com)** materials for the poster competitions and/or the scholarship award is **March 3, 2023**. Students will be notified by email of acceptance or rejection of their abstract by April 7, 2023. To obtain more information or additional copies of the Poster and Scholarship Submission Form, Abstract Illustration, and Abstract Guidelines, please contact Nicole Helms at (916) 441-2272, CGFA, 1521 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (nicole@agamsi.com).

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Abstract Guidelines

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 abstract 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 the 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 the 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 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. Email the abstract in a pdf format to Nicole Helms (nicole@agamsi.com).
2. Authors are allowed a space of one side of an 8 ½" x 11" paper for the title and text of the abstract. The deadline for receiving abstracts and the abstract/scholarship submission form is **March 3, 2023**.
3. Margins: left side - 1 ½"; right, top, and bottom sides – 1".
4. Suggested font-size: 10 pitch.
5. Do NOT type a page number.
6. 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 the unit name.
7. Abstract text: Double-space down from the last line of the title section and type the text of the abstract.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Helms at nicole@agamsi.com.

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Suggested Instructions for
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 the metric system.

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

Each poster presentation will be scheduled for public viewing on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11, 2023. 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 are to be mounted to the board by 10:00 a.m. on the morning of judging. The poster presentations are also to be available for viewing on Thursday, May 11th. 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 boards 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 Previous Poster Presenters

- 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.

TITLE

AUTHOR NAMES
AUTHOR AFFILIATION

ABSTRACT

MATERIALS & METHODS

BACKGROUND

RESULTS

OBJECTIVE/ HYPOTHESIS

CONCLUSIONS

RELEVANT REFERENCES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

California Animal Nutrition Conference
Graduate Students Poster and
Scholarship Submission Form

Graduate Student Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Major Professor: _____

Major Professor Email: _____

Current Graduate Institution: _____

Degree and Program: _____

Units Completed: _____

GPA: _____

Anticipated Date of Completion: _____

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

_____ Poster Competition   _____ Animal Nutrition Scholarship Award

For the Poster Competition, please submit an abstract (follow the instructions as outlined in the Abstract Guidelines) and this form.

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

This form must be completed and emailed to Nicole Helms (nicole@agamsi.com) along with the abstract in a pdf format (plus a CV and one letter of recommendation for a scholarship application).

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