



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: Michael Braun
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Subject: Call for papers to be presented as poster presentations at the 2009 California Animal Nutrition Conference, May 27 & 28, 2009, to be held on the Fresno State University campus

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The California Animal Nutrition Conference (CANC) Steering Committee will once again feature a poster presentation session to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. This is being done primarily to allow an additional outlet for students (both graduate and undergraduate) to present the results of their research for those Universities that may not have the funding to send students to a national meeting of a professional society. Faculty members are also invited to participate, however, only students are eligible to enter the poster contest and compete for the awards for the best posters selected by a panel of judges. The following prizes will be awarded: 1st-\$500.00; 2nd-\$300.00; 3rd-\$200.00 and all others who enter \$100.00. Presentation of the awards for the best student posters will be made on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at approximately 11:00 am.

Abstracts of posters that are accepted for presentation will be published in the Proceedings of the California Animal Nutrition Conference.

The deadline to submit an abstract along with the Abstract Submission Form is March 2, 2009. Students will be notified that their submission has been accepted by April 2, 2009. The address of the California Grain & Feed Association (CGFA) office to mail the abstract to is listed at the bottom of the "Abstract Submission Form." Please pass this information on to the faculty and students in your department.

To obtain more information or additional copies of the Abstract Submission Form, Quality Standards for Abstracts, and Abstract Guidelines, please contact Ann Quinn at (916) 441-2272, CGFA, 1521 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**Abstract Submission Form for Poster Presentations
at the California Animal Nutrition Conference**

1. Name and address of the author to direct correspondence to:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

2. Name and address of the presenting author:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

3. Check the appropriate category for the presenting author only:

Faculty Member or Other Professional

Student (undergraduate or graduate)

4. If the presenting author is a student (undergraduate or graduate), do you wish to enter the Student Competition? (Note: this competition is only open to students. Faculty and other professionals are not eligible to enter).

Yes No

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

Ann Quinn
California Grain & Feed Association
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Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 441-2272

Deadline for receiving abstracts and the abstract submission form in the CGFA office is
March 2, 2009.

Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by April 2, 2009.

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 for a period of about 5 hours. The author is to be available for a two-hour period to be determined by the CANC Steering Committee. Posters can be mounted on the board one-half hour preceding the designated display time.

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.

CONFERENCE
NAME, YEAR

TITLE
AUTHOR NAMES
AUTHOR AFFILIATION

ABSTRACT

MATERIALS & METHODS:

BACKGROUND

RESULTS

OBJECTIVE/HYPOTHESIS

CONCLUSIONS

RELEVANT REFERENCES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Abstract Guidelines to Produce a Camera-Ready Copy for Publication in the Proceedings of the California Animal Nutrition Conference for Authors Participating in the Poster Presentation Session

Abstracts must conform to the standards for quality contained within the California Animal Nutrition Conference "Quality Standards for Abstracts. These standards conform to those used by the journals of Animal Science, Dairy Science, and Poultry Science.

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.
7. The abstract content must be related to nutrition. For example, an abstract content purely on genetics is unacceptable; whereas, an abstract involving genetics or breeding and a nutritional aspect is acceptable.

Questions should be directed to:

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Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 441-2272

Quality Standards for abstracts
California Animal Nutrition Conference

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.

The quality of an abstract for presentation is a direct reflection on the image of the author(s) and the California Animal Nutrition Conference.

If you need clarification or additional information on abstract quality or submission, please contact the chairperson or the business office.