2019 ANCC Graduate Student Poster and Oral Competition

Call for Abstracts – Student Competitions

The Graduate Student Poster Competition will be held at the 3rd annual Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada (ANCC). The ANCC will be held on May 15th and 16th, 2019 at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Graduate students wishing to present their own research at the competition are encouraged to submit an abstract. The research does not need to be related to the conference theme.

Poster Competition

Students from across Canada are invited to submit an abstract for presentation at the 2019 Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada. All posters accepted for presentation will be eligible for cash awards, and the abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Details for abstract submission and adjudication are provided below; **submission deadline is 11:59 PM, Pacific Time on March 4th, 2019**.
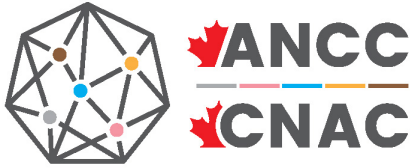
Oral Presentation Competition

Abstracts for the poster competition will automatically be considered for an oral presentation at the conference. One abstract will be presented in each of the ruminant and monogastric sections. The winners will be invited to give a 15-minute oral presentation at ANCC 2019 (12-minute presentation + 3 minutes for questions and answers). The selected student will be informed by April 5th, 2019 and will have their registration and travel expenses to the conference paid by the conference. The winner will be asked to provide an expanded abstract (2 pages) that will be published in the conference proceedings. Students who do not wish to be considered for the oral presentation should specifically state this at the time of their abstract submission.

In addition to the abstract, a letter of recommendation from the academic department or academic supervisor MUST be provided by the submission deadline.

Abstract Submission

If you would like your abstract to be considered for presentation at the conference, please send your abstract electronically (in Microsoft Word or a compatible word processing program) to Dr. Elijah Kiarie, Department of Animal Biosciences, University of Guelph, ekiarie@uoguelph.ca on or before 11:59 PM, Pacific Time on **March 4th, 2019**. Please indicate "ANCC 2019 – Graduate Student Poster Competition" in the subject line. The body of the email should include your full name, mailing address, email address, university, department, advisor, degree (e.g. MSc student), and title of your research project. Each student submitting an abstract MUST register for the conference. Please visit the conference website, animalnutritionconference.ca for registration information.

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Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Abstracts should not exceed a maximum of one page or 2,300 keystrokes (including characters, spaces, and punctuation). Begin the count at the title and end the count with the last key word. Please use a 12 pt. Times New Roman font for the abstract (see the ANCC abstract template). The abstract must contain comprehensive information and include the following:

- Title
- Authors and their affiliations
- Background
- Results and discussion (can be in separate sections)
- Conclusions
- Take home message
- Key words

**Please note that abstracts will not be subjected to a peer review process and will be published in the proceedings as submitted. In this context, please ensure that your abstract is clear and free of grammatical errors.

The board space available for each poster is 1 m wide and 1.2 m high. All posters should be mounted on the boards by 12:00 pm on May 15th. Posters will be available for public viewing throughout the conference, and students are expected to be present from **5:15pm to 7:30 pm Wednesday, May 15th,** during which time judges will visit the posters. Winners will be announced on May 16th, and awards will be presented to first ($500), second ($300), and third ($200) place winners.

Submitted abstracts and posters will be judged by a panel of experts (2 people from industry and 1 academic) during the poster presentation session. Please see below for specific judging criteria for abstracts and poster presentation. The Graduate Student Poster Competition will be limited, so please enter early to ensure a spot.

The 2019 Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada planning committee is looking forward to seeing you in Niagara Falls in May.

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Judging Criteria for Poster Competition

Abstract*

1. Informative and understandable
   a. Introduction (10%)
   b. Methodology (10%)
   c. Clarity of data presentation (10%)
   d. Appropriate interpretation of results (10%)

2. Depth / Innovation of research (20%)

3. Practical implication and industry benefit (20%)

4. Correct grammar and spelling (20%)

*Relevance to conference theme will be an additional criterion when selecting posters for oral presentation

Poster presentation

1. Quality of poster (40%)
   a. Content: informative and understandable
      i. Introduction (5%)
      ii. Methodology (5%)
      iii. Clarity of data presentation (5%)
      iv. Appropriate interpretation of results (5%)

   b. Format
      i. Legible and appropriate style (5%)
      ii. Logical organization flow (5%)
      iii. Appropriate use of graphics (5%)
      iv. Correct grammar and spelling (5%)

2. Quality of presentation (40%)
   a. Good understanding of background (10%)
   b. Good understanding of methodology (10%)
   c. Good understanding of animal biology (10%)
   d. Good understanding of practical implications and industry benefits (10%)

3. Professionalism (20%)
   a. Appropriate dress / courteous / professional behavior (5%)
   b. Eye contact with judges (5%)
   c. Enthusiasm (5%)
   d. Direct and accurate responses to questions (5%)