



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

July 31 - August 3, 2011

Frontier Airlines Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

General Information

1. Complete the Abstract Submission Form Online.
2. All presenters must register for the Annual Meeting and assume responsibility for their own transportation, lodging and registration fees.
3. There is no limit on the number of abstracts individuals may submit. However, one of the authors must deliver the presentation.
4. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Program and Abstract Book. Editorial changes may be made to accepted abstracts at the discretion of the Program Committee.
5. Membership in the Association is not required for presenting at IAFP 2011.

Presentation Format

1. Technical – Oral presentations will be scheduled with a maximum of 15 minutes, including a two to four-minute discussion. LCD projectors will be available and computers will be supplied.
2. Poster – Freestanding boards will be provided for presenting posters. Poster presentation surface area is 48" high by 96" wide (121.9 cm × 243.8 cm). Handouts may be used, but audiovisual equipment will not be available. **The presenter is responsible for bringing pins and velcro.** All posters should include the title and author information.

Note: The Program Committee reserves the right to make the final determination on which format will be used for each presentation.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

1. All abstracts must be written in clear and correct English.
2. All abstracts must be approved and signed off by all authors before submission. The results should not have been presented/published previously by any one of the authors.
3. Title – The title should be short but descriptive. The title should be in title case.
4. Authors – List all authors using the following style: first name or initials followed by the surname.
5. Presenter Name and Title – List the full name and title of the person who will present the paper.
6. Presenter Address – List the name of the department, institution and full postal address (including zip/postal code and country).
7. Phone Number – List the phone number, including area, country and city codes of the presenter.
8. Fax Number – List the fax number, including area, country and city codes of the presenter.
9. E-mail – List the E-mail address for the presenter.
10. Format preferred – Check the box to indicate oral or poster format. The Program Committee reserves the right to make the final determination of presentation format.

11. Category – The categories are used by the Program Committee to organize the posters and technical sessions. Please check the box which best describe the category for which the abstract is suitable.

Categories used for this year's annual meeting are:

Antimicrobials	Food Toxicology	Pathogens
Applied Laboratory Methods	General Microbiology	Produce
Beverages and Water	Meat and Poultry	Risk Assessment
Communication Outreach and Education	Microbial Food Spoilage	Sanitation
Dairy and Other Food Commodities	Non-Microbial Food Safety	Seafood
Epidemiology	Novel Laboratory Methods	

12. Developing Scientist Awards Competition – Check the box to indicate if the presenter is a student desiring to enter this competition. The student will make the initial submission, and IAFP will E-mail the abstract to the major professor, who will complete the submission process. For more information, see "Call for Entrants in the Developing Scientist Awards Competitions."
13. Abstract – Key the abstract into the web-based system. Limit the abstract length to approximately 300 words.

In addition to following these instructions, authors should carefully review the sections on selection criteria and rejection reasons as well as the sample abstract before submitting the abstract. Original research abstracts MUST be in the following format:

Introduction: Provide background, statement of problem, or basis of the study (2–3 sentences).

Purpose: State the purpose or objectives of the study (1–2 sentences).

Methods: State the methodology used in the study (2–3 sentences). The methods should be specific enough that researchers in the same or similar field would understand the basic experimental design or approach.

Results: Describe the results obtained in the study (2–3 sentences). NOTE: Specific results, with statistical analysis (if appropriate), MUST be provided. A statement of "results pending" or "to be discussed" is not acceptable and will be grounds for abstract rejection. Results should be summarized; do NOT use tables or figures.

Significance: State the significance of the findings to food protection and/or public health (1–2 sentences).

NOTE: Do not include reference citations in the Abstract. Please see sample abstracts for further guidance on abstract structure. Sample abstracts can be found on the abstract submission page on the IAFP Web site at www.foodprotection.org.

Failure to follow the above formatting instructions is reason for rejection.

Abstracts submitted in the Communication Outreach and Education category MUST present an improvement or innovation on a proven method in order to educate others about a food protection related topic. There should be a way to measure the outcomes and substantiate the improvements and/or outcomes. If measured, the sample size should be sufficiently large to represent the intended population.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts submitted for IAFP 2011 will be evaluated for acceptance by the Program Committee. Please be sure to follow the instructions above carefully; failure to do so may result in rejection. Information in the abstract data must not have been previously published in a copyrighted journal.

Abstracts must be received no later than January 19, 2011. Completed abstract and information must be submitted online. Use the online submission form at www.foodprotection.org. You will receive an E-mail confirming receipt of your submission.

Selection Criteria

1. Abstracts should be structured as described above.
2. Abstracts must report the results of original research pertinent to the subject matter. Work should report the results of new, applied studies dealing with: (i) causes (e.g., microorganisms, chemicals, natural toxicants) and control of all forms of foodborne illness; (ii) causes (e.g., microorganisms, chemicals, insects, rodents)

and control of food contamination and/or spoilage; (iii) food protection from farm-to-fork (including all sectors of the chain including production, processing, distribution, retail, and consumer phases); (iv) novel approaches for the tracking of foodborne pathogens or the study of pathogenesis and/or microbial ecology; (v) public health significance of foodborne disease, including outbreak investigation; (vi) non-microbiology food protection issues (food toxicology, allergens, chemical contaminants); (vii) advances in sanitation, quality control/assurance, and food protection systems; (viii) advances in laboratory methods; and (ix) food protection risk assessment. Work may also report subject matter of an educational nature.

3. Research must be based on accepted scientific practices.
4. Research should not have been previously presented nor intended for presentation at another scientific meeting. Work should not appear in print prior to the Annual Meeting.

Rejection Reasons

1. Abstract was not prepared according to the "Instructions for Preparing Abstracts." This includes abstracts that are too lengthy.
2. Abstract reports inappropriate or unacceptable subject matter about advancing food safety worldwide.
3. Abstract is not based on accepted scientific or educational practices and/or the quality of the research or scientific/educational approach is inadequate.
4. Potential for the approach to be practically used to enhance food safety is not apparent.
5. Work reported appears to be incomplete and/or data and statistical validity are not presented. Percentages alone are not acceptable unless sample sizes (both numbers of samples and sample weight or volume) are reported. Detection limits should be specified when stating that populations are below these limits. Indicating that data will only appear in the presentation without including them in the abstract is NOT acceptable.
6. Abstract was poorly written or prepared. This includes spelling and grammatical errors or improper English language usage.
7. Results have been presented/published previously by one of the authors.
8. Abstract was received after the deadline for submission.
9. Abstract contains information that is in violation of the International Association for Food Protection Policy on Commercialism.
10. Abstract subject is similar to other(s) submitted by same author. (The committee reserves the right to combine such abstracts.)
11. Abstracts that report research that is confirmatory of previous studies and/or lacks originality will be given low priority for acceptance.

Projected Deadlines/Notification

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 19, 2011.
Acceptance/Rejection Notification: March 7, 2011.

Contact Information

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Call for Entrants in the Developing Scientist Awards Competitions

Supported by the International Association for Food Protection Foundation

The International Association for Food Protection is pleased to announce the continuation of its program to encourage and recognize the work of students and recent graduates in the field of food safety research. Qualified individuals may enter either the oral or poster competition.

Purpose

1. To encourage students and recent graduates to present their original research at the Annual Meeting.
2. To foster professionalism in students and recent graduates through contact with peers and professional Members of the Association.
3. To encourage participation by students and recent graduates in the Association and the Annual Meeting.

Presentation Format

Oral Competition – The Developing Scientist Oral Awards Competition is open to graduate students (enrolled or recent graduates) from M.S. or Ph.D. programs or undergraduate students at accredited universities or colleges. Presentations are limited to 15 minutes, which includes two to four minutes for discussion.

Poster Competition – The Developing Scientist Poster Awards Competition is open to students (enrolled or recent graduates) from undergraduate or graduate programs at accredited universities or colleges. The presenter must be present to answer questions for a specified time (approximately two hours) during the assigned session. Specific requirements for presentations will be provided at a later date.

General Information

1. Competition entrants cannot have graduated more than a year prior to the deadline for submitting abstracts.
2. Accredited universities or colleges must deal with environmental, food or dairy sanitation, protection or safety research.
3. The work must represent original research completed and presented by the entrant.
4. Entrants may enter only one paper in either the oral or poster competition.
5. All entrants must register for the Annual Meeting and assume responsibility for their own transportation, lodging and registration fees.
6. Acceptance of your abstract for presentation is independent of acceptance as a competition finalist. Competition entrants who are chosen as finalists will be notified of their status by the chairperson by May 27, 2011.
7. Entrants who are full-time students, with accepted abstracts will receive a complimentary, one-year Student Membership with *JFP* Online.
8. In addition to adhering to the instructions in the "Call for Abstracts," competition entrants must check the box to indicate if the paper is to be presented by a student in this competition. A copy of the abstract will be E-mailed to the major professor for final approval.
9. You must also specify full-time student or part-time student.

Judging Criteria

A panel of judges will evaluate abstracts and presentations. Selection of up to ten finalists for each competition will be based on evaluations of the abstracts and the scientific quality of the work. All entrants will be advised of the results by May 27, 2011. Only competition finalists will be judged at the Annual Meeting and will be eligible for the awards.

Judging criteria will be based on the following:

1. Abstract – clarity, comprehensiveness and conciseness.
2. Scientific Quality – Adequacy of experimental design (methodology, replication, controls), extent to which objectives were met, difficulty and thoroughness of research, validity of conclusions based upon data, technical merit and contribution to science.
3. Presentation – Organization (clarity of introduction, objectives, methods, results and conclusions), quality of visuals, quality and poise of presentation, answering questions and knowledge of subject.

Finalists

Awards will be presented at the International Association for Food Protection Annual Meeting Awards Banquet to the top three presenters (first, second and third places) in both the oral and poster competitions. All finalists are expected to be present at the banquet where the award winners will be announced and recognized.

Awards

- First Place – \$600 and an engraved plaque
- Second Place – \$400 and a framed certificate
- Third Place – \$200 and a framed certificate

Award winners will receive a complimentary, one-year Membership including *Food Protection Trends*, *Journal of Food Protection* and *JFP* Online.

Policy on Commercialism

for Annual Meeting Presentations

1. INTRODUCTION

No printed media, technical sessions, symposia, posters, seminars, short courses, and/or other related types of forums and discussions offered under the auspices of the International Association for Food Protection (hereafter referred to as Association forums) are to be used as platforms for commercial sales or presentations by authors and/or presenters (hereafter referred to as authors) without the express permission of the staff or Executive Board. The Association enforces this policy in order to restrict commercialism in technical manuscripts, graphics, oral presentations, poster presentations, panel discussions, symposia papers, and all other type submissions and presentations (hereafter referred to as submissions and presentations), so that scientific merit is not diluted by proprietary secrecy.

Excessive use of brand names, product names or logos, failure to substantiate performance claims, and failure to objectively discuss alternative methods, processes, and equipment are indicators of sales pitches. Restricting commercialism benefits both the authors and recipients of submissions and presentations.

This policy has been written to serve as the basis for identifying commercialism in submissions and presentations prepared for the Association forums.

2. TECHNICAL CONTENT OF SUBMISSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Original Work

The presentation of new technical information is to be encouraged. In addition to the commercialism evaluation, all submissions and presentations will be individually evaluated by the Program Committee chairperson, technical reviewers selected by the Program Committee chairperson, session convenor, and/or staff on the basis of originality before inclusion in the program.

2.2 Substantiating Data

Submissions and presentations should present technical conclusions derived from technical data. If products or services are described, all reported capabilities, features or benefits, and performance parameters must be substantiated by data or by an acceptable explanation as to why the data are unavailable (e.g., incomplete, not collected, etc.) and, if it will become available, when. The explanation for unavailable data will be considered by the Program Committee chairperson and/or technical reviewers selected by the Program Committee chairperson to ascertain if the presentation is acceptable without the data. Serious consideration should be given to withholding submissions and presentations until the data are available, as only those conclusions that might be reasonably drawn from the data may be presented. Claims of benefit and/or technical conclusions not supported by the presented data are prohibited.

2.3 Trade Names

Excessive use of brand names, product names, trade names, and/or trademarks is forbidden. A general guideline is to use proprietary names once and thereafter to use generic descriptors or neutral designations. Where this would make the submission or presentation significantly more difficult to understand, the Program Committee chairperson, technical reviewers selected by the Program Committee chairperson, session convenor, and/or staff, will judge whether the use of trade names, etc., is necessary and acceptable.

2.4 "Industry Practice" Statements

It may be useful to report the extent of application of technologies, products, or services; however, such statements should review the extent of application of all generically similar technologies, products, or services in the field. Specific commercial installations may be cited to the extent that their data are discussed in the submission or presentation.

2.5 Ranking

Although general comparisons of products and services are prohibited, specific generic comparisons that are substantiated by the reported data are allowed.

2.6 Proprietary Information (See also 2.2.)

Some information about products or services may not be publishable because it is proprietary to the author's agency or company or to the user. However, the scientific principles and validation of performance parameters must be described for such products or services. Conclusions and/or comparisons may be made only on the basis of reported data.

2.7 Capabilities

Discussion of corporate capabilities or experiences are prohibited unless they pertain to the specific presented data.

3. GRAPHICS

3.1 Purpose

Slides, photographs, videos, illustrations, art work, and any other type visual aids appearing with the printed text in submissions or used in presentations (hereafter referred to as graphics) should be included only to clarify technical points. Graphics which primarily promote a product or service will not be allowed. (See also 4.6.)

3.2 Source

Graphics should relate specifically to the technical presentation. General graphics regularly shown in, or intended for, sales presentations cannot be used.

3.3 Company Identification

Names or logos of agencies or companies supplying goods or services must not be the focal point of the slide. Names or logos may be shown on each slide so long as they are not distracting from the overall presentation.

3.4 Copies

Graphics that are not included in the preprint may be shown during the presentation only if they have been reviewed in advance by the Program Committee chairperson, session convener, and/or staff, and have been determined to comply with this policy. Copies of these additional graphics must be available from the author on request by individual attendees. It is the responsibility of the session convener to verify that all graphics to be shown have been cleared by Program Committee chairperson, session convener, staff, or other reviewers designated by the Program Committee chairperson.

4. INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4.1 Distribution

This policy will be sent to all authors of submissions and presentations in the Association forums.

4.2 Assessment Process

Reviewers of submissions and presentations will accept only those that comply with this policy. Drafts of submissions and presentations will be reviewed for commercialism concurrently by both staff and technical reviewers selected by the Program Committee chairperson. All reviewer comments shall be sent to and coordinated by either the Program Committee chairperson or the designated staff. If any submissions are found to violate this policy, authors will be informed and invited to resubmit their materials in revised form before the designated deadline.

4.3 Author Awareness

In addition to receiving a printed copy of this policy, all authors presenting in a forum will be reminded of this policy by the Program Committee chairperson, their session convener, or the staff, whichever is appropriate.

4.4 Monitoring

Session convenors are responsible for ensuring that presentations comply with this policy. If it is determined by the session convener that a violation or violations have occurred or are occurring, he or she will publicly request that the author immediately discontinue any and all presentations (oral, visual, audio, etc.) and will notify the Program Committee chairperson and staff of the action taken.

4.5 Enforcement

While technical reviewers, session convenors, and/or staff may all check submissions and presentations for commercialism, ultimately it is the responsibility of the Program Committee chairperson to enforce this policy through the session convenors and staff.

4.6 Penalties

If the author of a submission or presentation violates this policy, the Program Committee chairperson will notify the author and the author's agency or company of the violation in writing. If an additional violation or violations occur after a written warning has been issued to an author and his agency or company, the Association reserves the right to ban the author and the author's agency or company from making presentations in the Association forums for a period of up to two (2) years following the violation or violations.