



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

## 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 Abstract Book and made available online. 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 2012.

## 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. IAFP will provide pins to assist you in mounting your poster. 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 by all authors before submission. The results should not have been presented or published previously by any 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 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 technical (oral) or poster format. The Program Committee reserves the right to make the final determination of presentation format.
11. Category — Categories are used by the Program Committee to organize the posters and technical sessions. Please check the box which best describes the category for which the abstract is suitable. Categories used for this year's annual meeting are:

Antimicrobials  
Applied Laboratory Methods  
Beverages and Water  
Communication Outreach and Education  
Dairy and Other Food Commodities  
Epidemiology  
Food Toxicology  
General Microbiology  
Meat and Poultry

Microbial Food Spoilage  
Non-Microbial Food Safety  
Novel Laboratory Methods  
Pathogens  
Produce  
Risk Assessment  
Sanitation  
Seafood

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 number of 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. A sample abstract can be found on the abstract submission page on the IAFP Web site at [www.foodprotection.org](http://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 2012 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 24, 2012. Completed abstract and information must be submitted online. Use the online submission form at [www.foodprotection.org](http://www.foodprotection.org). You will receive an E-mail confirming receipt of your submission.

### Selection Criteria

1. Abstracts should be structured as described above. The Program Committee will stringently be looking at the following selection criteria.
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 prior to IAFP 2012.

### 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 or educational approach is inadequate.
4. Potential for the approach to be practically used to enhance food protection 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 or 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 24, 2012  
Acceptance/Rejection Notification: March 6, 2012

### **Contact Information**

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