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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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OVERVIEW

The American Meat Science Association (AMSA) invites the submission of original research and abstracts on any aspect of the meat science discipline for presentation at AMSA's 2020 International Congress of Meat Science and Technology and the Reciprocal Meat Conference (RMC) in Orlando, FL.

2020 PROGRAM CATEGORIES

In 2020, the programming will focus on the following general areas within the meat science discipline. Abstract submissions should fit into one or more of these categories.

- Animal Welfare
- Consumer Topics
- Environment, Production Systems
- Meat and Poultry Quality and Composition - Measurement and Prediction
- Meat and Poultry Processing, Ingredient Technology and Packaging
- Meat and Poultry Quality
- Meat and Poultry Safety
- Education and Extension Tools
- Muscle and Lipid Biology and Biochemistry
- Technical Summaries

If further clarification is required regarding program categories, please contact the ICoMST/RMC program abstract committee chair.

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION FORMATS

EPOSTER

Electronic Poster presentations will be on display beginning the afternoon of Sunday, August 2. All ePoster presenters are expected to be present at their ePosters during their specified time. Complete guidelines for ePoster presentations are on page 7.

DATES AND DEADLINES

11/21/2019	Call for Abstracts opens – submission system online
04/30/2020	Intent for Research Competitions Due (Undergraduate, M.S. and Ph.D.)
05/12/2020, 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time	Call for Abstracts ends– submission system closes
6/15/2020	Presenters notified of status of submission.
7/21/2020	Deadline for all presenters to register for the ICoMST/RMC meeting.

PRESENTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FEE

AMSA will be charging a \$50 (USD) abstract submission fee. This fee is charged per abstract, and the fee covers expenses of handling the abstracts and presentation using the e-poster format.

This submission fee is nonrefundable and will be due at the time you submit your AMSA ICoMST/RMC abstract online.

Kindly note that all payments have to be made in US Dollars by credit card (EuroCard/MasterCard, Visa, American Express). All costs must be done by the ordering customer and free of charge for the receiver account on all payments. Other methods of payment (personal checks or bank transfer) cannot be accepted.

Please note online payment by credit cards require “3D secure” identification (authenticated payment system that offers added security for online purchases). During payment, the bank checks the card holder’s identity before validating transaction. To validate the payment, the abstract submitter will be asked to:

- Enter their date of birth
- Enter a code received by SMS
- Answer a secret question, etc.

PRESENTER INFORMATION AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

AMSA is mindful and appreciative of the work, dedication, and expertise required to prepare presentations. Without these shared experiences from all delegates, the ICoMST/RMC would not be a success. AMSA does not reimburse abstract presenters for travel, hotel, registration fees or other additional expenses incurred during the 2020 ICoMST/RMC.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Deadline: May 12, 2020 by 11:59 pm Central Daylight Time via the AMSA web site.

(<http://www.icomst2020.com/>).

Acceptance/rejection date: June 15, 2020

Individuals are encouraged to present timely papers by ePoster presentation at AMSA’s 2020 ICoMST/RMC by submitting an abstract for review. Additionally, the graduate student and undergraduate student research competitions abstracts are a part of this submission process.

The abstract must be submitted electronically to AMSA Headquarters, no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time, May 12, 2020. The submission for the abstract (3,500 keystrokes limit) must be made via the AMSA web site.

(<http://www.icomst2020.com/>).

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT: Full name, Institution/Company, Address, Zip Code, City, State, Country, Telephone, and E-mail of the presenting author.

Space limitations allow a maximum of 3,500 keystrokes (including characters, spaces, and punctuation). Keystroke count begins at the title and ends with the last word or end of a table if one is included. The authors’ details,

keywords and conflict of interest are not included in the keystroke count. Abstracts that exceed the keystroke limit will be rejected automatically by the abstract submission system. Abstracts must be written in English and should be explicit, precise, informative and well documented. **Abstracts must contain an objective and/or hypothesis statement, materials and methods, results with statistical interpretation, and a conclusion statement.** A reference list is not required. If animal or human subjects were used in your project, you will be asked to provide the protocol number in your online abstract submission. There is a limit of one (1) table per abstract and the minimum requirement for the table is 2 rows and 2 columns. Tables should not contain more than 15 rows or 8 columns. The quality of an abstract for presentation is a direct reflection the author(s) and AMSA.

Resolution for Image Files:

- **Filetype:** TIF or EPS formats
- **Resolution:** min/max of 300-600 DPI.
- **Color mode:** RGB color mode

TECHNICAL SUMMARY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Deadline: May 12, 2020 by 11:59 pm Central Daylight Time

Acceptance/rejection date: June 15, 2020

Technical summaries are designed to provide non-academic professional members with an additional opportunity for dialogue and discussion about specific, individual scientific topics affecting the meat and poultry industry. Technical, non-sales/marketing summaries are to be submitted and reviewed by the AMSA Abstracts Committee members and AMSA staff. Once approved, the ePoster will be presented by one of the contributing authors. Summaries are selected on technical merit and should include data to support hypothesis or conclusions. Research reviews on previously published works can also be submitted as a technical summary. If you would like to submit a summary that does not fit one of the categories or if you have questions, please contact AMSA at information@meatscience.org.

Technical summaries will not be published in the AMSA Meat and Muscle Biology journal publication but will be made available to meeting attendees in the 2020 ICoMST/RMC smartphone app and conference proceedings.

Technical Summaries descriptions will be accepted in the following categories:

- Sustainability;
- New Technologies (Packaging, Processing, Information Collection, Instrumentation, etc.); and
- Food Safety Interventions, Analytics and Ingredients.

Individuals are encouraged to present timely scientific summaries in an ePoster presentation format at the 2020 AMSA ICoMST/RMC. Presentation material will only be considered for the 2020 ICoMST/RMC by submitting a summary for review. **These summaries are not intended to be part of any student ePoster competition at ICoMST/RMC and are not open to academic members, including students.**

ABSTRACT AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY SELECTION CRITERIA

AMSA reserves the right to select or reject abstracts submitted for review to the ICoMST/RMC program planning committee based on quality factors including, but not limited to scientific merit and relevancy to the application of meat science to the meat industry.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION

ePOSTER PRESENTATIONS

- An electronic ePoster board will be provided to each presenter. Presenters will be given a designated time to be at their assigned electronic ePoster board. **Please design per the guidelines listed below.**
- ePoster presentations will be up starting Sunday of the conference and presenters will be assigned a designated time to stand at their ePoster on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at the 2020 ICoMST/RMC. More information on designated times will be sent out in July 2020.

ABSTRACT AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY REVISIONS

Changes are not permitted after the submission deadline, 11:59 pm Central Daylight Time, May 12, 2020. Revisions to submitted abstracts are possible if completed **prior** to the deadline of submissions. **ACCESS WILL NOT BE GRANTED TO REVISE ANY ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AFTER 11:59 pm Central Daylight Time, May 12, 2020.**

ABSTRACT AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY WITHDRAWAL

Abstract withdrawal requests must be submitted in writing by July 1 to avoid publication and the \$50 USD abstract submission fee is non-refundable

ABSTRACT AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by members of the AMSA ICoMST/RMC Program Planning Committee, *Meat and Muscle Biology* Editorial Board and the Committee under the supervision of the Abstract Subcommittee Chair.

Possible reasons for abstract rejection:

- Information is not new or is very similar to previous presentations/publications
- Methods are not appropriate or informative
- The study appears to be incomplete or insufficient
- Promotes commercial products, not science, as the primary goal
- Does not follow the format instructions
- Many language errors

NOTIFICATIONS

All presenting authors will receive e-mail notification of abstract status no later than June 15, 2020. Notices will only be sent to presenting authors whose email address was provided at the time of abstract submission.

It is the responsibility of the presenting author to inform all co-authors and faculty advisors of the status and scheduling information.

All notices will be sent by automated e-mail systems. It is the responsibility of the authors to check e-mail accounts, including any junk/spam folders associated with the submitted e-mail address.

If you have not received e-mail notification by June 15, 2020, please contact AMSA by email at information@meatscience.org. It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure that they have a valid and current email address.

ELECTRONIC EPOSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

- If an abstract and/or a technical summary is accepted, the author(s) must attend the ICOMST/RMC 2020 to present it. If a presenter is not registered by July 21, 2020 for ICOMST/RMC 2020, the abstract will not be published, and the ePoster/presentation will be withdrawn.
- ePoster presenters shall attend their ePosters during their assigned times to present their work to conference attendees. More information on specific times will be sent out and posted on the conference web site (<http://www.icomst2020.com/>) in July 2020.
- For the general abstracts, technical summary, and the research competition an electronic ePoster board will be provided. Presenters will be asked to submit their abstracts and technical summary presentations in advance as your ePoster sessions will be done in Kiosk Mode. Kiosk mode means that we receive the presentation ahead of time, then combine multiple presentations into a single presentation with a menu and navigation buttons. This ensures that it's easy to swap between different ePosters that are on the same screen. More information will be sent out in April regarding the design of your ePoster.

Electronic EPoster Board Preparation Guidelines (General Abstracts, Technical Summaries and Research Competitions)

IMPORTANT: Due to difference in operating system standards and character sets, **mathematical formulas** created in Windows often don't display correctly on MAC OS, even in PowerPoint. **Please convert formulas to images.**

ePoster PPT must be submitted by: June 29, 2020.

- Presentations are designed in PPTX format
- Use the template provided
- Recommended fonts: Calibri, Arial, Times New Roman
- Recommended font size: 28pt or larger
- Slide/EPoster size: 40.97x23.04, which is a 16:9 ratio.
- Single or Multiple pages/slides may be used for ePoster.
- Multiple slides/pages should be used if there is additional content, images, graphs and videos that need to be displayed on your ePoster. While multiple pages are recommended, **no more than 4 will be accepted.**
- If multiple pages are used, the "mouse click" option should be chosen for each slide/page to advance.
- Videos, animations, graphs and images can be embedded into your ePoster.
- Embedded video may be displayed in the following formats:
 - .mov, .mp4, .m4v, mpeg
- The ePoster layout must be in landscape orientation.
- ePoster template is available on the AMSA Conference Abstract website.

DISPLAY HOURS AND EXPECTATIONS (TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

ePosters will be displayed beginning Sunday afternoon, August 2, 2020, for conference attendees to view. All ePoster presenters will be asked to be at them during their assigned time that will be sent out in July 2020.

ePosters will be grouped and displayed by topic and a number will be assigned to each accepted ePoster, which will correspond to a number on the display board. Due to ePoster viewing constraints, all ePoster presenters are required to attend their ePosters during their specified 1-hour time. More details on assigned times will be sent out in July.

STUDENT RESEARCH EPOSTER COMPETITION

The purpose of the Student Research ePoster Competition is to encourage students to:

1. Engage in high quality, sound and pertinent meat and poultry research;
2. Gain experience in presentation of scientific papers;
3. Demonstrate poise and mental agility before their peers;
4. Develop skills in effective communication for dissemination of research information; and
5. Acquire an appreciation of the role of the American Meat Science Association and its members in advancing the wellbeing of the meat industry through research.

Student Research Competition Sponsorship:

- PhD Student Research Competition
 - Sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc.
- Master Student Research Competition
 - Sponsored by JBS USA Food Company
- Undergraduate Student Research Competition
 - Sponsored by AMSA Development Council

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Contestants must be a member of the American Meat Science Association and be registered to attend the 2020 ICoMST/RMC conference. **Only two students per division (Undergraduate, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy) per university may enter the competition. All students are welcome to participate regardless if they have competed previously or not, as long as their research is *significantly different** from the first time competing. Each university can have up to six total participants.** Submit intents online at: <http://www.meatscience.org/events-education/rmc/amsa-student-research-competition>.

- * meaning it must be separate experiment/trial (cannot be preliminary results one year and the final project the next year)

DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Contestants may compete in one of three divisions depending on their school classification and select one topic area to compete in.

- *Undergraduate Division:* Contestants competing in this division must be an undergraduate or have received their bachelor's degree no earlier than the May prior to the competition.
- *Master of Science Division:* Contestants competing in this division must be currently enrolled in a Master of Science Program or have completed a Master of Science program since June of 2019.
- *Doctor of Philosophy Division:* Contestants competing in this division must be currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program or have completed a Ph.D. program since June of 2019.

Student must identify one of the topics areas below when submitting their intent for the Student Research Competition, this will be reviewed by the Abstract committee. The Poster Competition Committee reserves the right to reclassify posters. Intents for the poster competition and presenters preferred topic area are due April 30, 2020.

Topic Areas:

- Muscle Biology/Fresh Meat Quality
- Sustainability/Production/Food Waste
- Processing/Technology/Food Safety and Preservation

SUBJECT OF PRESENTATION

Any basic or applied research in meat or poultry science will be considered for entry in the competition, if conducted by the student as part of their education indicated by the division in which they are competing. The presentation may contain information that has been presented at other regional or national scientific meetings but cannot contain material previously used in this competition. The information presented must be a product of the student's scholarly work including data collection, data analysis, critical assessment, and summary.

PLACE AND CONDITIONS OF PRESENTATIONS

Contestants will make ePoster presentations at the ICoMST/RMC on Sunday, August 2, 2020. A meeting for all competitors will be held prior to the competition to determine a schedule for the order of contestant's presentations of ePoster material to the judges. Students need not be present for presentations by other contestants and are free to leave the ePoster area before and after they have given their respective presentation. Contestants are required to return to the presentation area once the competition is over, in the event the judges would like an opportunity to ask additional questions of certain candidates in the graduate competition. Contestants will have an opportunity to make minor edits to their ePoster prior to the competition Sunday, August 2, 2020 and a detailed schedule of events will be sent out in July 2020.

Presenters will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Professional appearance and poise throughout the presentation
- Quality of visual aids
- Use and creativity of visual aids to convey a clear message
- Knowledge of your research topic

- Ability to demonstrate an understanding of the experimental design of your project and statistical approach for analyzing your data
- Ability to answer questions that directly relate to and indirectly relate to your topic
- Ability to relate your research to industry applicable scenarios

Emphasis of each of these categories will be at the discretion of the judges. NOTE this may not be an exhaustive list of judge's expectations.

Electronic EPoster Board preparation – See Page 6.

Oral Presentation:

Contestants will not give a formal oral presentation, in the traditional sense.

- **Undergraduate Division:**

Students will be given five minutes to introduce the material to the judges and six to eight minutes for questions and discussion. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions from judges concerning objectives, methods, design, results and interpretation of research presented.

- **Master of Science Division:**

Students will be given five minutes to introduce the material to the judges and six to eight minutes for questions and discussion. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions from judges concerning objectives, methods, design, results and interpretation of research presented.

- **Doctor of Philosophy Division:**

Students will be given 12 minutes to introduce the material to the judges and eight minutes for questions and discussion. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions from judges concerning objectives, methods, design, results and interpretation of research presented.

Contestants will also display their ePosters during the open ePoster times as designated by the program chair and will need to be present during the ePoster presentations for their section.

EVALUATING THE PRESENTATION

1. The Student Research ePoster Competition Committee shall evaluate abstracts and ePoster presentations for each division. The chair of the Student Research ePoster Competition Committee will tabulate scores but will not be a judge.
2. ***Presentations during the student research competition are open to the public.*** Judges will listen to each presentation as a group and evaluate the ePosters and presentations using procedures approved by the Student Research ePoster Competition Committee chair. After the competition, judges will meet with the chair of the Committee to select a winner.
3. It is the intention of the Student Research ePoster Competition Committee that none of the judges will be from institutions represented in the competition nor will major professors of contestants serve as judges within a specific topic area as listed above. If, however, it occurs that a judge and a contestant

are from the same institution that judge will recuse themselves and will not evaluate that contestant. No two judges shall be from the same institution. The judges' decision will be final.

AWARDS

Awards for the Student Research ePoster Competition are sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc.; JBS USA Food Company, and the AMSA Development Council. **Scholarships and Awards will be given at the 2020 Gala dinner on the evening of August 6, 2020.**

For each topic area (1) Muscle Biology/Fresh Meat Quality; (2) Sustainability/Production/Food Waste and (3) Processing/Technology/Food Safety and Preservation there will be three awards given to the *Undergraduate, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy* students in each division or each topic area.

In total there will be nine awards given per division (*Undergraduate, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy*) presented, so a total of 27 scholarships and plaques will be awarded.

Please see below for scholarship amounts for each division.

	M.S.	Ph.D.	Undergraduate
1st Place	\$1000 USD and plaque	\$1000 USD and plaque	\$1000 USD and plaque
2nd Place	\$750 USD and plaque	\$750 USD and plaque	\$750 USD and plaque
3rd Place	\$500 USD and plaque	\$500 USD and plaque	\$500 USD and plaque

All entrants will be recognized for their participation by the American Meat Science Association.

PRESENTER AGREEMENTS

- AMSA intends to publish the abstracts, copies of the ePosters and presentation materials as part of the Proceedings of the 2020 ICoMST/RMC. The proceedings will be published online and made available to all AMSA members as well as those attending 2020 ICoMST/RMC.

It is the intention of the AMSA in to publish **ALL** abstracts, except for Technical abstracts, presented at the 2020 ICoMST/RMC in the *AMSA Journal Publication, Meat and Muscle Biology, except for the technical summaries, which will only be published in the conference proceedings and published in DigIComst* as well.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Who should submit an abstract to the 2020 ICoMST/RMC?**
 - a. Presenting at the 2020 ICOMST/RMC is an opportunity to gain exposure for your research program and recognition from your peers. As many as 1300 meat scientists and students will be in attendance at the conference. AMSA members will benefit from your expertise and participation!
- 2. When is the deadline to submit abstracts?**
 - a. All abstracts (including student research competitions) are due by May 12, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time.
- 3. Can I revise my abstract after submitting it?**

- a. Yes, but all revisions must be completed prior to the submission deadline, May 12, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time.
- 4. Can I revise my ePoster PPT after submitting?**
 - a. Yes, you will be able to adjust your PPT onsite prior to your presentation.
- 5. When will I hear if my abstract was accepted for presentation?**
 - a. Submitters will be notified by email no later than June 15, 2020.
- 6. Does my AMSA member login and password work on the online abstract management website?**

No, your AMSA member login and password does not work for submitting an abstract. When you first submit an abstract, you must create an account in the abstract submission system.

CONTACT INFORMATION

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND GENERAL QUESTIONS

Web-related technical questions concerning these procedures should be addressed to:

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Phone: 773-913-2021

PROGRAM ABSTRACT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Policy and review questions should be directed to the Abstract Committee.

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STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Questions regarding the Student Research EPoster Competition should be directed to the chair.

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PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

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