VIRTUAL EPOSTER RESEARCH COMPETITION PRESENTATIONS
VIRTUAL EPOSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

- AMSA and the ePoster Company have created a community site that will have more information how to prepare for the virtual ePoster competition, how scheduling to capture the recording of your presentation will work, how the judging process will work, and upcoming webinars to help you prepare.
  - [http://www.eposterboards.com/icomst-competitors](http://www.eposterboards.com/icomst-competitors)
  - password: icomstcompetitors

- For any questions or concerns, please contact ePosterBoards tech support at [http://www.eposterboards.com/support/](http://www.eposterboards.com/support/).

STUDENT RESEARCH EPOSTER COMPETITION

Students participating in the competition must also submit a self-narrated ePoster presentation recording for the general ICoMST poster viewing, as outlined in the ePoster guide.

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 Association and its members in advancing the wellbeing of the meat industry through research.

For the virtual ePoster research competition there will be three different steps that must be completed.

**Step 1: Competitors will prepare their ePoster PPT using the guidelines below.**

**ePoster live recorded sessions will be June 22, 23, and 24th 2020**

Use one of the PPT templates provided on the community site.

- Recommended fonts: Calibri, Arial, Times New Roman
- Recommended font size: 28pt or larger
- Slide/EPoster size: 40.97”x23.04”, which is a 16:9 ratio.
- The ePoster layout must be in landscape orientation.
- Single or Multiple pages/slides may be used for ePosters.
- 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.**
- Slide Show options: “Loop Continuously until 'Esc'” should be checked “on”
- Transitions options: “On Mouse Click” should be unchecked “off”
- Videos, animations, graphs and images can be embedded into your ePoster.
  - Embedded video file format may be either .mov or .mp4 only
- ePoster templates and more information is available:
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**Step 2:**

Contestants in the ePoster research competition will be required to do a live recorded ePoster presentation with the ePoster company on one of the following days: June 22, 23 or 24, 2020. This presentation WILL be recorded live. The date and time for each student will be assigned by the ePoster Research Competition chair and the student will be notified of their presentation date and time no later than June 15th. The ePoster company will record your presentation virtually from your own computer. Once logged into your assigned session, you will share your screen so your PPT can be seen and you will be asked to turn on your video camera so the judges can see you presenting your research. 

The recorded ePoster presentation will be reviewed by the panel of judges the week of July 20, 2020. The judges will review these individually, so please be make sure to practice and provide all the necessary information when recording your presentation with the ePoster company.

**Recorded ePoster Presentation Guidelines:**

- **Undergraduate Division:**

  Students will be given five minutes to give an oral presentation of their research during the recorded webinar presentation. Students will be assigned a 30-minute time spot, each student will have one chance to give their presentation, so please practice ahead of time. The judges will review this recorded presentation prior to the assigned Q&A date.

- **Master of Science Division:**

  Students will be given five minutes to give an oral presentation of their research during the recorded webinar presentation. Students will be assigned a 30-minute time spot, each student will have one chance to give their presentation, so please practice ahead of time. The judges will review this recorded presentation prior to the assigned Q&A date.

- **Doctor of Philosophy Division:**

  Students will be given 12 minutes to give an oral presentation of their research during recorded webinar presentation. Students will be assigned a 30-minute time spot, each student will have one chance to give their presentation, so please practice ahead of time. The judges will review this recorded presentation prior to the assigned Q&A date.

Once the judging criteria for the recorded sessions is determined, it will be posted on the competitors community site (www.eposterboards.com/icomst-competitors) password: icomstcompetitors

**Step 3:**

AMSA will host a live virtual question and answer discussion on July 28 and July 29, 2020. Each individual student and the panel of judges will participate in this live private webinar. Everyone will have their video cameras turned on so the judges can see the student and the student can see the judges. The date and time for the Live Q&A discussion for each student will be assigned by the ePoster Research Competition chair and the student will be notified of their assigned live virtual question and answer discussion date and time no later than July 13, 2020.

Please see below for specific details.
The results will be announced live during the opening session of the 2020 Virtual ICoMST and RMC meeting on August 3, 2020 between 8 am and 10 am CST.

**Live Question and Answer Virtual Judging:**

- **Undergraduate Division:**
  Students will be given one-minute to review their research and refresh the judges and then 8-10 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 one-minute to review their research and refresh the judges and then 8-10 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 one-and-a-half-minutes to review their research and refresh the judges and then 12-15 minutes for questions and discussion. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions from judges concerning objectives, methods, design, results and interpretation of research presented.

**During the Live Q&A, Presenters will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

- Project design, execution, and analysis
- Professional appearance and poise throughout the presentation
- Quality, use, and creativity of visual aids to convey a clear message
- Presenters should clearly frame the rationale, significance, and objective
- Knowledge of your research topic, experimental design, and statistical approach employed to analyze 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. Presenters should clearly frame the rationale, significance, and objective.

**OVERVIEW WEBINAR**

AMSA will be hosting several webinars to make sure you are prepared for the virtual ePoster Competition. Note the date and times of the webinars below, more details regarding sign-up will be sent out soon. If you are unable to attend the webinars below, a recording will be posted on the presenter community site.

**Dates and Times:**
- June 18, 2020 at 10:00 am Central - ePoster Research Competition Recorded Presentation Webinar
- July 15, 2020 at 10:00 am Central - ePoster Research Competition Live Judging Overview Webinar

The webinar will review the following:
• Tips and tricks to creating your ePoster
• How to create your self-narrated recording
• How to make your recording engaging
• Upload instructions
• Do’s and don’ts
• Q&A

EVALUATING THE PRESENTATION

1. The Student Research Virtual ePoster Competition Committee shall evaluate abstracts and ePoster presentations for each division. The chair of the Student Research Virtual ePoster Competition Committee will tabulate scores but will not be a judge.

2. **Presentations during the virtual question and answer discussion are NOT open to the public.** Judges will listen to each presentation as a group and evaluate the virtual ePoster and presentation using procedures approved by the Student Research Virtual ePoster Competition Committee chair. After the virtual competition, judges will meet with the chair of the Committee to select a winner.

3. It is the intention of the Student Research Virtual 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. 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

For each topic area (1) Muscle Biology/Fresh Meat Quality; (2) Sustainability/Food Waste and (3) Processing/Food Safety 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.

**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 and JBS USA Food Company

Please see below for scholarship amounts.
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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 virtual 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.*

**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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**STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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

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