

**Twenty-First
Equine Science Society Symposium
Keystone, Colorado
29 through 31 May, 2009**

The Twenty-First Equine Science Society Symposium will be hosted by Colorado State University, 29 through 31 May 2009 at the Keystone Conference Center, Keystone, CO (<http://keystone.snow.com/indexconferences.asp>).

This letter is a call for extended abstracts to be considered for presentation at the 2009 symposium. Individual program sections for the 2009 meetings include Nutrition, Exercise Physiology, Reproductive Physiology, Genetics (New Section for 2009), Teaching & Extension and Production & Management. Instructions for submission of extended abstracts are included within this document, and are also posted on the Equine Science Society web site (<http://www.equinescience.org>). The process is a one-time submission in the format of an extended abstract. All extended abstracts will be submitted via the Equine Science Society web site. **The deadline for submission is 2 February 2009.** After the deadline, it will not be possible to submit abstracts. When the abstract is submitted, a **tracking number** and **password** will be automatically issued. The tracking number and password allow access to the abstract for revision at any time before the **2 February** deadline. Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance on 2 March 2009 and have a 48-h period to make revisions requested by reviewers.

Graduate and undergraduate students entering the Student Competition will be required to submit an extended abstract for review by individual program committees, and if accepted students will be required to submit a full-length manuscript (6 page limit, see Guidelines for Graduate or Undergraduate Competition Papers) by 1 April 2009 to the chair of the graduate/undergraduate competition committee. Abstracts to be considered for graduate or undergraduate competition **must** be identified when submitted by marking the appropriate box within the online submission form.

This package is being sent to all current and past members of the society. If you know of anyone who might have an interest in ESS and our meetings but has not received these materials, please forward a copy on to them. The Equine Science Society would like to invite all scientists, educators, and industry representatives working with horses to participate in this symposium.

I encourage every member to submit an abstract and to attend the 2009 meeting in Keystone, CO. Our meetings are always an interesting mixture of groups brought together by their common interest - the horse. I look forward seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Siciliano
Vice President and Program Chair
Equine Science Society

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Twenty-First Equine Science Society Symposium will be hosted by Colorado State University, 29 through 31 May 2009 at the Keystone Conference Center, Keystone, CO (<http://keystone.snow.com/indexconferences.asp>). All submissions for the 2009 symposium will be in the form of extended abstracts. Extended abstracts to be considered for presentation at the symposium must be submitted through the World Wide Web at <http://www.equinescience.org>. The **deadline for abstract submission is 11:59 p.m. CST 2 February 2009**. Abstracts may be submitted for either oral or poster presentation formats. **Authors will be notified of acceptance of their papers for oral or poster presentation by 2 March 2009**. Upon notification, authors of accepted papers will have 48 hours to make minor corrections (not substantive) to their papers. Graduate and undergraduate students submitting competition papers will submit an initial extended abstract following the general **Submission Guidelines** below. Following notice of acceptance students will be required to submit a full-length manuscript (6 page limit, see Guidelines for Graduate or Undergraduate Competition Papers) by **11:59 p.m. CST 1 April 2009** to the chair of the graduate/undergraduate competition committee. Abstracts to be considered for graduate or undergraduate competition **must** be identified when submitted by marking the appropriate box within the online submission form. Please note that all students (graduate and undergraduate) participating in the competition will receive free registration (does not include ticketed events), a \$100 stipend and a free banquet admission.

Extended abstracts will be published as a supplement to the Journal of Equine Veterinary Science. Full papers submitted for the Graduate and Undergraduate Competition will not be published.

Submission Guidelines: You will be **required** to register with the online submission system. The personalized account allows for management and storage of multiple abstracts submitted for this meeting. When you submit your abstract, you will be given a **tracking number** and **password**. Make a note of these, as they will allow you to revise your submitted abstract at any time prior to the **2 February 2009** deadline. After the deadline it will not be possible to submit papers.

Space limitations allow a maximum of 6500 **keystrokes including characters, spaces, and punctuation** for the abstract submission. The keystroke count begins with the first letter of the title and ends with the last word of the text, citation, or end of a table or figure. The keystroke count does not include author names or addresses. Abstracts that are too long will be rejected. **Use Times New Roman 12 point font with 1 inch margins on all sides. Abbreviate units of measure accompanied by digits.** Weights and measures must be in metric units and temperatures given in Celsius scale. Tabular data and figures may be incorporated into the abstract and will be included in the total keystroke count (please see special instructions for inclusion of tables and figures below).

The online submission involves three dialog boxes: Titles are to be entered in the appropriate dialog box with the first letter of each major word capitalized (e.g., Digestibility of Various Fat Sources for Growing Horses). Author names and addresses (Institution, no departments or company, city/province, state and country) should be entered in upper and lower case font in the

author dialog box. The body of the extended abstract can be entered online or cut and pasted from a word processing document into the abstract text box.

Organization of Extended Abstracts

Each extended abstract must include the following: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Key Words and Literature Cited. Major headings (Introduction, Materials and Methods, etc.) are left justified with capitalization of the first letter of each major word. First subheadings are to be at the left hand margin, italicized and on a separate line. Second subheadings are italicized at the beginning of the first line of a paragraph, followed by a period. Double spacing is to be used between paragraphs. References in the text should be indicated by superscript Arabic numerals (with multiple citations separated by a comma with no space between comma and next citation, and three or more consecutive citations separated by a hyphen) and should be listed in the literature-cited section in numerical order with reference numbers. For further guidance see a current JEVS article.

If you must use boldface, italic or sub-/superscript type anywhere in the paper, consult the Text Attributes Coding information below. This special coding is not counted in the 6500 allowed keystrokes. Special characters such as Greek letters and math symbols are available on the electronic submission form itself.

If your abstract includes a table or figure: The electronic submission does allow submission of tables and figures. Tables must be constructed online using the table construction link. All micrographs or other figures must be submitted separately and sent electronically (to ess@assoqh.org) at time of abstract submission and ESS staff will manually incorporate the figure into the abstract. When sending files containing figures make sure to include your abstract tracking number in the correspondence and the location within the abstract of where the figure should be placed. Tabular and figurative material is still counted in the total keystrokes allowed and will account for approximately (varies with size of table) 500 characters each. The printed paper width allows for 70 keystrokes per line, including spaces; keep this in mind when formatting the table. Tables that are too wide are not printable. You must also include coding for text attributes in the table. This includes the italicization, superscripting and subscripting of numbers and letters in the table and the footnotes.

Text Attributes Coding Information

To make a character bold format it like this; `word` the result will be **word**.

To italicize a character format it like this; `<i>word</i>` the result will be *word*.

To make a character superscript, type `^{3}^` (superscript 3 in this example)

To make a character subscript, type `_ {2} _` (subscript 2 in this example)

To insert a hat over a character, type `h{a}h` (â in this example)

Do not insert any extra spaces between the coding string and the adjacent characters in a word or

expression. Do not use your word processor's attribute functions to create bold, italics, or super/subscripts. You must use the coding given above. **The characters %, #, &, _, ^, \$, and {} are used by the LaTeX formatting language, which we use to format the abstract. If you need to use one of these characters in your abstract, it must be preceded by a \ (backslash).**

Special math and Greek characters are available from a grid on the submission form itself. The character boxes to the right of the text area are provided so that you do not have to insert TeX coding for these characters. Clicking on one of these characters in the box will insert the code for that character into your abstract document. **Please Note:** characters you choose from the boxes always appear at the end of the text already present in the text area. If you have pasted your paper into the text area from another word processor file, any special character you choose will appear at the end of your paper. Simply highlight the code for this character, then cut and paste it into the correct location in the text.

Individual Program Committees have the responsibility to accept or reject papers.

There are no limits to the number of abstracts an individual may submit. Also Individual Program Committee Chairs have the prerogative to place abstracts submitted for oral presentation into a poster presentation (or vice versa). If withdrawal of an abstract becomes necessary, notify Paul Siciliano (paul.siciliano@ncsu.edu) Program Chair, immediately.

Presentation Information: LCD projectors will be used for oral presentations. Files containing presenter slides will be loaded at the meeting one day prior to the day of presentation. Instructions for preparation of poster presentations are also located on the ESS website. The poster backboards will be 4' high and 6' wide. Presenters must furnish their own tacks or stick pins (no Velcro).

The usual scheduled time for presentation of each oral paper is 12 minutes with 3 minutes for questions, discussion and speaker transition.

GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION

Purpose:

To promote scholarly organization and presentation of scientific information by graduate students.

Eligibility:

Contestants must be graduate students currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at an institution that offers graduate curricula **AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION** (i.e., 2 February 2009). The paper to be judged must consist of original research or other information pertaining to equine nutrition or physiology. There will be four divisions: (1) Nutrition, (2) Reproduction, (3) Exercise Physiology, and (4) Teaching, Extension and Production Management. The Program Committee reserves the right to combine sections with too few entries for competition. Graduate students will be notified of the section in which their papers will be presented. Students can submit a limit of 2 papers; however papers must be submitted to different divisions (e.g., Nutrition, Reproduction, Exercise Physiology etc...).

Evaluation:

Each paper will be judged on the content of manuscript (scientific merit, accuracy, clarity) and the quality of the presentation (organization, clarity, visual aids).

Manuscript:

For the 2009 symposium, all graduate competition papers will first be reviewed in extended abstract form by the Individual Program Committee (as per submission category). Extended abstracts will be submitted through the World Wide Web at <http://www.equinescience.org> by **2 February 2009** according to the general **Submission Guidelines** above. Upon notification of abstract acceptance, authors will forward a full-length manuscript formatted according to Journal of Equine Veterinary Science (See <http://www.elsevier.com> and then click "authors"; enter "Journal of Equine Veterinary Science" in the "locate a journal" text box; click "guide for authors") by 11:59 p.m. CST **1 April 2009** to Dr. Jason Turner (jturner@nmsu.edu), chair of the student competition committee. Please note this is a new format and differs from previous ESS competitions; the manuscript is to be formatted as if it were being submitted to JEVS. Please note that competition papers are limited to 6 pages.

Presentation:

Formal delivery of the paper is limited to 12 minutes, followed by 3 minutes of questions and discussion. Total time for the presentation and discussion shall not exceed 15 minutes.

LCD projectors will be used for oral presentations. Files containing presenter slides will be loaded on to presentation computers at the meeting one day prior to the day of presentation.

Note: All students whose participating in the competition will receive free registration (does not include ticketed events), a \$100 stipend and a free banquet admission.

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION

Purpose:

To promote scholarly organization and presentation of scientific information by undergraduate students.

Eligibility:

Contestants must be undergraduate students currently enrolled in a two or four-year undergraduate degree program (B.S. or Associate) **AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION** (e.g., 2 February 2009). The paper to be judged must consist of original research pertaining to equine physiology. There will be one division and research can be in any physiological science (Nutrition, Reproduction, Exercise Physiology, etc.).

Evaluation:

Each paper will be judged on the content of manuscript (scientific merit, accuracy, clarity) and the quality of the presentation (organization, clarity, visual aids).

Manuscript:

For the 2009 symposium, all undergraduate competition papers will first be reviewed in extended abstract form by the Individual Program Committee (as per submission category). Extended abstracts will be submitted through the World Wide Web at <http://www.equinescience.org> by **2 February 2009** according to the general **Submission Guidelines** above. Upon notification of abstract acceptance, authors will forward a full-length manuscript formatted according to Journal of Equine Veterinary Science (<http://www.elsevier.com> and then click “authors”; enter “Journal of Equine Veterinary Science” in the “locate a journal” text box; click “guide for authors”) by 11:59 p.m. CST **1 April 2009** to Dr. Jason Turner (jltturner@nmsu.edu), chair of the student competition committee. Please note this is a new format and differs from previous ESS competitions; the manuscript is to be formatted as if it were being submitted to JEVS. Please note that competition papers are limited to 6 pages.

Presentation:

Formal delivery of the paper is limited to 12 minutes, followed by 3 minutes of questions and discussion. Total time for the presentation and discussion shall not exceed 15 minutes.

LCD projectors will be used for oral presentations. Files containing presenter slides will be loaded on to presentation computers at the meeting one day prior to the day of presentation.

Note: All students participating in the competition will receive free registration (does not include ticketed events), a \$100 stipend and a free banquet admission.