



TO: Equine Science Society Members

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RE: **Call for Abstracts for the 2019 Equine Science Society Symposium**

The 26th Equine Science Society (ESS) Symposium will be hosted by North Carolina State University, June 3 to 6, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, North Carolina.

Members are encouraged to submit original research, teaching, and extension abstracts for oral or poster presentation at the 2019 Symposium. Individual program sections will include Exercise Science, Equine Biosciences, Genetics, Nutrition, Production & Management, Reproductive Physiology, and Teaching & Extension. Note that in 2017 the Exercise Physiology section was renamed "Exercise Science" to broaden potential submissions related to the performance horse. Additionally, "Equine Biosciences" was created for research in emerging areas and topics that do not fit well into other sections. Instructions for abstract preparation and electronic submission can be found on the meeting website at <http://www.equinescience.org/2019/>. The deadline for abstract submission is **February 1, 2019, 11:59 p.m. CST**.

ESS encourages abstracts authored and presented by students, and will once again offer competition sections for undergraduate and graduate students at the 2019 ESS Symposium. Qualified students will receive complimentary meeting registration (excluding ticketed events) and courtesy admission to the awards banquet for their participation in the competition. Competition abstracts should be prepared and submitted similar to regular session abstracts. **Only one competition abstract is permitted per student, but students are welcome to submit additional abstracts to non-competition sections.** Guidelines for undergraduate and graduate student competitions, including eligibility requirements, can be found on the [meeting website](#).

The 2019 ESS Symposium will consist of student competition papers, traditional oral and poster presentations, plenary sessions with internationally recognized speakers, and workshops. Please note that a separate call for workshops, asking for submission of short proposals describing the topic(s) and expected outcomes, will be released in the coming weeks.

Additionally, the ESS Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee are making a call for nominations for the election of board members and officers prior to the 2019 Symposium. Additional nominations will be requested from the floor during the general business meeting at the Symposium. Details of the responsibilities of board members and officers can be found in the [ESS Constitution](#). Please send nominations to Brian Nielsen, chairman of the Nominating Committee (bdn@msu.edu). Furthermore, please consider nominating deserving individuals for the various society awards to be presented at the ESS Symposium. A call for award nominations will be made at a later date by Don Thompson, chairman of the Awards Committee. A description of each award is available on the [ESS website](#).

The 2019 ESS Symposium is being hosted by North Carolina State University and will be held at the [Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, North Carolina](#). Asheville is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains and is known as the Paris of the South thanks to its vibrant art scene, hipster street festivals, and trendy restaurants. It is also home to white water rafting, biking trails, stunning hikes, and of course, the Biltmore Estate. See more about Asheville online at [Explore Asheville](#). Western North Carolina was also the location of the 2018 World Equestrian Games at the [Tryon International Equestrian Center](#). The Crowne Plaza hotel is located 14 miles from Asheville Regional Airport, or can be accessed by shuttle from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (a two-hour drive). The hotel is located on 125 acres, with fitness, golf, pool, spa, and tennis facilities. Further details on the venue, including instructions for making hotel reservations, airport shuttle information, and a list of suggested activities near the hotel and in greater Asheville, will be posted on the [meeting website](#).

The 2019 ESS Symposium is tentatively set to begin with registration opening at 2:00 p.m. and the welcome reception at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3. Graduate and undergraduate competition sessions will take place on Tuesday, June 4. Tuesday evening will feature the student reception and mixer. Wednesday, June 5 will kick off with the ESS Fun Run in the morning followed by workshops. In the afternoon, a tour of the North Carolina equine industry will be offered followed by dinner at Tryon International Equestrian Center. The meeting will conclude with the awards banquet on Thursday evening, June 6. Information will be posted on the meeting website as it becomes available. Check the [website](#) frequently for updates.

Whether or not you decide to submit an abstract, do plan now to join us in Asheville! ***Also, if you know of anyone who might have an interest in ESS and the symposium, but is not yet a member, please forward them a copy of this call for abstracts. The Equine Science Society invites all scientists, educators, and industry representatives working with horses and other equids to participate in this symposium.***