

**Student Abstract Competitions**  
**Southern Section ASAS**  
**2008**

**Call for Abstracts:** Abstracts must be submitted on or before **October 17, 2007**. Those submitted after **October 17** will not be accepted. The quality standards for abstracts can also be found on this Web site. Presenters will be expected to submit PowerPoint shows for their oral presentations to the respective committee chair in advance of the meeting (more details will be provided by the respective chair). Committee chairs will be expected to provide a computer with all shows pre-loaded and a video projector for their session. Any other video presentation equipment must be provided by the presenter.

**Graduate Student Abstract Competition:** The Awards Competition Committee will select up to fifteen (15) abstracts, based on scientific merit, for presentation. Contestant must be the senior author and cannot hold academic rank above assistant professor. **Dr. Scott T. Willard, Mississippi State University** will send rules and guidelines on the awards competition to each selected participant and verify the eligibility of the contestant with the appropriate department chair/head. Persons who have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in previous Awards competitions are ineligible. Awards of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be presented to the top three placings, respectively. *The criteria for evaluating the competition papers will be: clearness and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity, and number of visuals.*

**Undergraduate Research Abstract Competition:** Junior or senior level students from institutions in the Southern Region with degree programs in Agriculture are encouraged to present data from their research efforts. Abstracts for the research paper competition should be submitted according to the directions described in "Call for Papers". University verification that the student is enrolled, at the time of abstract submission, must be mailed to **Dr. Michelle R. Garcia, Texas A&M University - Kingsville**. Note that the author may be a graduate student at the time the paper is presented. The abstracts will be reviewed by the Teaching and Undergraduate Education Committee (**Dr. Michelle R. Garcia, Chair**). Please note that a manuscript is not required for participation in the Undergraduate Research Paper Awards Competition. Awards of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be presented to the top three placings, respectively. *The criteria for evaluating the competition abstracts will be: clearness and correctness of the abstract; knowledge of the subject area; research quality and innovation; organization of presentation; presentation and personal attributes; and appropriate use, clarity, and number of visuals.* The papers will be presented in the Teaching and Undergraduate Session.

**Submission Requirements:** Submission requirements are outlined in "Instructions for Abstract Submission", which may be found on this Web site. After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact [abstract@assoqhq.org](mailto:abstract@assoqhq.org).

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