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Instructions for Abstract Submission

DUE DATE: MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 p.m. CST MARCH 4, 2009

General Information: Oral papers or posters should consist of original, completed research that has not yet been published in a research journal. Members are encouraged to present research reports in poster sessions to facilitate discussion of research results among members, and to diversify the meeting format.

Authors need to be aware of patent considerations before submitting abstracts for publication.

Abstract Submission Guidelines: All abstracts **must be** submitted electronically via the World Wide Web, at

<http://www.asas.org/western09/>

Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the Web site. You **will be required to register with the system. This personalized account allows for the 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, they will allow you to revise your submitted abstract at any time before the deadline. After the deadline it will not be possible to submit or change abstracts.

Space limitations allow a maximum of 2,300 keystrokes (including characters, spaces, and punctuation). Begin count at the title and end count with the last key word or end of a table if one is included. Abstracts that are too long will be rejected automatically by the system. Coding for special characters is not included in the total keystroke count. If you must use boldface, italic or sub-/superscript type anywhere in the abstract, consult the Text Attributes Coding information below. This special coding is not counted in the 2,300 allowed keystrokes. Special characters such as Greek letters and math symbols are available on the electronic submission form itself.

Abstract Requirements: The author submitting the abstract is responsible for its content and quality of preparation.

The Program Committee of the host institution has the responsibility to accept or reject

abstracts. Criteria for acceptance or rejection will include those outlined in these instructions and "Quality Standards for Abstracts" (see web site <http://www.asas.org/western09/>), as well as originality, clarity, and merit. Consolidation of results into one combined paper is urged whenever possible.

The host Program Committee has the authority to restrict the number of abstracts accepted. If withdrawal of an abstract becomes necessary, notify Dr. Denny H. Crews, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, WSASAS, Department of Animal Science, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1171, Phone: (970) 491-7550, FAX: (970) 491-5326, E-mail: Denny.Crews@ColoState.edu, immediately.

Author Notification: Receipt of the electronic submission of the abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail. Corresponding authors of abstracts will be sent an email stating the abstract has been accepted or rejected. As soon as the program is finalized with days, times and locations it will be on the ASAS Western Section web site. Hard copies of the program will not be mailed.

Presentation Information: All oral presentations will be given using MS PowerPoint computer-generated visuals. Information on submitting PowerPoint presentations will be available on the web (<http://www.asas.org/western09/>) after April 1, 2009. The host institution will provide computers and LCD projectors.

The scheduled time for presentation of each oral paper is 12 minutes with 3 minutes for questions, discussion and speaker transition. The Program Committee has the prerogative to ask some presenters to use a time other than 15 minutes. Also the Program Committee will reserve the right to place papers submitted for oral presentation into a poster presentation (or vice versa).

Section Preferences:

Be sure to mark 1st and 2nd Preferences on the Submission Form.

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Behavior	Growth & Development
Breeding and Genetics	Meat Science & Muscle Biology
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Extension	Pastures and Forages
Food Safety	Physiology
WSASAS Graduate Student Member	Ruminant Nutrition
Paper Competition	Teaching

NOTE: Submission to the Graduate Student Paper Competition: 1) Graduate students competing in the paper competition MUST be current members of WSASAS. A graduate student membership fee to ASAS for the next year is included in the cost of the meeting registration fee. Graduate students enrolled in institutions outside the WSASAS will need to pay the additional \$10 fee to add a western section

membership to their ASAS membership. Membership forms require the signature of an advisor to verify the student's enrollment. 2) Papers submitted for competition now require verification from all coauthors agreeing upon the submission of the manuscript to competition. Coauthors of competition papers must all sign the verification form available at <http://www.asas.org/western09>. Signed forms should be submitted with the invoice and copyright release forms for the proceedings paper. Co-authors at cooperating institutions may fax the form to Dr. Denny Crews, Jr. at Phone: (970) 491-7550. Graduate competition papers will be given a 4-page limit this year.

If Your Abstract Includes a Table: The electronic submission form allows submission of tables. The keystroke limit will be 1800 for the abstract and 500 for the table. The printed abstract width allows for 70 keystrokes per line, including spaces; the system also limits tables to a maximum of 10 columns and 15 rows; 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

When special text attributes, such as superscripts or subscripts, is needed, indicate these using the following coding:

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

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Please Note: Characters you choose from the boxes always appear in the character coding box. Simply highlight the code for the character then cut and paste it into the correct location in the abstract text.

Questions: After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact FASS Headquarters Office (abstract@assochq.org).