November 5, 2019
Guelph, Ontario

Crop Life Graduate Student Oral and Poster Competition
and
OPMC Undergraduate Student Poster Competition

Call for Submitted Oral and Poster Presentations - Students

This year the Ontario Pest Management Conference (OPMC) will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the Victoria Park East Golf Course, Guelph, ON. Research presented at the OPMC will focus on all aspects of pest management associated with plant, animal and human health. The theme of this year’s conference is “IPM in Action – Success Stories”. More information on the 2019 OPMC can be found at www.opmconference.ca.

Once again, CropLife Canada – Ontario Council and OPMC will be sponsoring awards in the following categories:

➢ Best Graduate Oral Presentation (sponsored by CropLife Ontario Council) – One $500 award and plaque for a graduate student
➢ Best Graduate Poster Presentation (sponsored by CropLife Ontario Council) – One $500 award and plaque for a graduate student
➢ Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation (sponsored by OPMC) – One $250 award and plaque for an undergraduate (or diploma) student

The 2019 agenda has openings for a maximum of 6 graduate student oral presentations, 6 graduate student posters and 4 undergraduate/diploma posters. Submissions in diverse areas of pest management are encouraged.

Submission Period: Student abstracts will only be accepted during the submission period beginning at 8 am on Thursday, August 1 and ending 4pm, Friday September 13, 2019. Students are encouraged to submit their abstracts as soon as possible after the submission period opens. All submissions should be sent to Roselyn Labbé, AAFC, roselyne.labbe@canada.ca.
Eligibility:

➢ Graduate students wishing to enter the Graduate Oral Competition must be presenting at least 2 years of data (2 field seasons). Students with less than 2 years of data may enter the Graduate Poster Competition.

➢ Students who have won in a category in a previous year are not eligible to reenter in that category but can enter another category or the general poster category.

➢ The student must either be currently enrolled in a degree program (undergraduate, diploma or graduate) or have graduated from a degree program since the last conference (November 2018);

➢ New graduate students can enter the undergraduate competition if they are presenting undergraduate research that was completed within one year of the last conference (November 2018)

➢ The student must be the principal investigator and presenter of the paper or poster; and

➢ Canadian and International students are eligible to participate in the competition, but they must be attending a Canadian university.

➢ Selection Criteria: The selection of entrants into the competition will be based on ensuring a balance of disciplines (entomology, plant pathology, weed science), the order in which abstracts were received and how advanced the student is in their graduate program. Failure to follow all the abstract submission requirements outlined below may affect a candidate's selection, since there are usually more submissions than spots in the competition.

Abstract Submission Requirements:

➢ All submissions should be sent to Roselyn Labbé, AAFC, roselyne.labbe@canada.ca as a MS Word document (PDFs will not be accepted). Submissions should use the following format:

Student Name and Email:
Degree Program. Please also provide current semester and full or part time status:
Supervisor Name and Email:
Preferred category: Graduate Oral, Graduate Poster, or Undergraduate Poster
Willing to accept a spot in another category if first choice cannot be accommodated?
Note – If this is left blank we will assume you are only interested in your preferred category.

Presentation title bolded, Arial 11 point

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Body of abstract (Arial 11 point font) should be a maximum of 250 words. Abstracts exceeding 250 words may be edited for length.

➢ Students will be informed of their tentative acceptance into the competition by Friday, September 27, 2019. To finalize their spots, accepted students must register for the conference by Friday October 5.
➢ Student competitors are required to give a minimum of **two weeks’ notice** (no later than **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**) if they are not able to fulfill their commitment to participate in the competition. This is to allow sufficient time to inform potential replacements of that spot. **Students who do not provide at least two weeks’ notice will not be refunded their registration fee.**

**Oral Presentation Requirements:**
• Presentations must be **12 minutes** in length + **3 minutes for questions and discussion**
• Use Power Point format. To avoid incompatibility problems, limited use of animation is recommended.
• Bring a copy of your presentation on a USB memory stick to the conference.

**Poster Presentation:**
• Posters must be **4’ (height) x 3’ (width), portrait format. Compliance with these dimensions is important.**
• The header should include the title, authors and institution where the work was conducted. Photos of the student presenting the poster also can be included on the right side of the header.
• Student competitors must be present at the poster during the designated judging time and for the second half of the lunch break.
• A PDF copy of your poster must be sent to the judging coordinator by email **(roselyne.labbe@canada.ca)** by **4 pm on Wednesday, October 30, 2019** so judges can review poster content in advance. **Failure to submit a copy of your poster by October 31 will result in disqualification from the competition.**
• Posters can be set up on the board displaying your assigned Poster Number beginning at 8:00 am on November 5 and must remain in place until afternoon coffee is over. Any posters not claimed at the end of the conference will be removed and discarded by organizers unless other arrangements have been made.

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