

Wanted!

Abstracts of Late-Breaking Original Research

Introduction

Inclusion of **abstracts of late-breaking original research** will provide an opportunity to communicate the most recent scientific breakthroughs to participants of the ADSA/ASAS Joint Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. Note: This is ***not*** a prolongation of the regular abstract submission process that ended in February.

The purpose of the late-breaking research session will be to highlight very recent discoveries of importance to their discipline and species. Inclusion of these papers at the Joint Annual Meeting provides the authors a venue to present results in a very timely fashion. The session also offers meeting participants a view of some of the most important discoveries made in the early part of 2008. The authors' ability to document why their abstract should be considered for this session in the required rationale and significance statement will be critical in the selection process.

Abstracts of late-breaking original results and the rationale for their inclusion will be accepted from May 1 to May 28, 2008. Submission is online only (<http://www.adsa.asas.org/meetings/2008/call.asp>). Successful authors will be notified before June 12.

Process

The deadline for submitting late-breaking abstracts is midnight on May 28, 2008. Abstracts will not be accepted after this time. **A maximum of eight abstracts will be selected for inclusion in this initial year of the program.**

The late-breaking abstracts committee comprises members of the overall planning committee and members selected to represent the spectrum of disciplines of ADSA and ASAS.

Abstracts of late-breaking research and the rationale and significance statement (<500 characters) will be used to select up to 8 abstracts to be included in this special session. Abstract review and scoring will be conducted in a “double-blind” manner. Abstracts must be well written and achieve high aggregate scores to be eligible for oral presentation at the Joint Annual Meeting. The final ranking of abstracts will not be made public.

Authors of selected abstracts will be notified before June 12. Authors will be required to make an oral presentation at the July 7 plenary session (3:00 to 5:00 pm) before the opening session of the Joint Meeting and to prepare a poster for display during the entire meeting.

There will be no opportunity to present abstracts that are not selected for the late-breaking session. The decisions of the late-breaking abstracts committee are final.

Only abstracts that are well written and have justified the late-breaking status will be evaluated further.

Selection Scoring System (100 points)

1. Rationale and justification of late-breaking status	25
2. Importance of the results to the field and species	25
3. Soundness of design, analysis, and interpretation	25
4. Originality and uniqueness	25