

September 30, 2011

Memo to: Pig Researchers

Subject: Call for Abstracts - Banff Pork Seminar 2012

Abstracts are invited for poster presentations at the 2012 Banff Pork Seminar to be held January 18-21 at the Banff Centre. Submissions can be made either by researchers (University, government or industry) or by graduate students under their supervision. Abstracts will be accepted if they are reporting either work:

- **conducted by researchers based anywhere in Canada, or**
- **sponsored by Canadian national or provincial Pork Board and/or government.**

Our surveys show that about **60% of delegates view the research posters**, usually during coffee breaks and at lunchtime. Of the **622 delegates** attending last year, 26% listed themselves as producers (including all the large production units in western Canada), 12% as extension & research (government & university) and 62% were from industry (feed industry, genetics & reproduction, veterinarians, pharmaceuticals, financial services, equipment, etc). Networking with the major players of the Canadian pork industry is one of the main benefits of attendance at the Banff Pork Seminar.

Posters of accepted abstracts will be on display from 8 am to 5 pm on Wednesday, January 18 and Thursday, January 19. Poster presenters are expected to be present to answer questions from 3:30 pm to 5 pm each day.

The **abstract format guidelines** are available on the BPS 2012 website (see Breakout #6) at <http://www.banffpork.ca/breakouts2012.shtml>. Abstracts will be reviewed for scientific content and acceptability. Abstracts may be edited for length, grammar, format and presentation style. If editing is significant, the abstract will be returned to the author for approval.

The deadline for submission is November 4, 2011. Please email abstracts to the Conference Coordinator at "ruth.ball@ales.ualberta.ca".

Remember this is an **industry event**, not an academic conference. Please adjust your wording and presentation to suit a mixed audience (for example, producers, feed industry,, veterinary and pharmaceutical industry, ,breeding and genetics, extension, and researchers).

Conference registration will be **waived for registered graduate students**. Banff Pork Seminar Registration Fees are the responsibility of all other presenters.

Save money! Pay registration for five people from the same institution and receive **sixth registration free**. You can find detailed program information and can register via the website at www.banffpork.ca.

Offered again for 2012 **RO Ball Young Scientist Award - Graduate Student Award**

Abstracts will be selected for presentation in the **RO Ball Young Scientist Award - Graduate Student Award** competition. A scientific committee will select abstracts representing the most interesting and best science, from those submitted. These Graduate Students will be invited to give an oral presentation of their work on the morning of Wednesday, January 18 – 15 minutes total; 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions from the audience. The selection will be made

before the Proceedings go to print and the papers chosen for competition in the theatre presentation will be listed in the proceedings.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to \$500 for at least **4 students** (up to 6) whose abstracts are selected for oral presentation. The Graduate Student with best overall combination of good and relevant science, well-written abstract and excellent presentation will receive a **cash prize of \$500** and a plaque. Second place prize is \$250 and third place \$150. Judging will be done by a committee of researchers and industry personnel.

Regards,

Dr. Ron Ball

Chair of Poster Session & BPS 2012 Program Co-Director

Dr. Michael Dyck

Chair of RO Ball Young Scientist Award Competition
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