Poster Guidelines:

Poster size must be no larger than 107 cm (42”) wide x 122 cm (48”) high. This is the space that is allotted for each poster. Posters exceeding the allotted space may be removed by PSA staff. Points for student competition may be deducted if poster is not of the correct size. Presenters must provide their own tacks, stick pins or Velcro.

Posters shall be written only in English, with a type font and size that allows ease of reading at a normal poster viewing distance of 1-2 meters.

The following sections are required of all abstracts and are to be included in each poster presentation:

a. Descriptive title, with authors and institutions
b. Hypothesis or objective
c. Experimental design (or description of the problem for a non-statistical presentation)
d. Materials and methods
e. Statement of statistical analysis (e.g. one-way ANOVA)
f. Results, indicating statistical differences, where applicable
g. Conclusions
h. Five keywords for indexing

A printed copy of the accepted abstract is not required to be included on the poster. However, should the author(s) prefer to include the abstract, it can be inserted in the lower left-hand corner of the poster.

Posters must be in place by the date and time noted in the published Annual Meeting Program and shall not be removed prior to the scheduled "Poster take down” date and time, also noted in the program.

Presenting authors, including students, are REQUIRED to be present by their poster during the designated poster presentation session. Students participating in the poster competition, must be at their poster prior to the beginning of the competition session, as scheduled in the Program.

Failure to display an accepted poster for the entire scheduled period and/or be present during the scheduled poster presentation session time may result in the rejection and removal of the abstract from the electronic version of the conference proceedings.

Posters must be removed by the author before the end of the scheduled “Poster take down” date and time, as noted in the Program. Any posters not removed by that time will be discarded.

If you submit an abstract that is accepted and then do not attend the meeting, you should send poster materials with a colleague or send them to someone who is going to the meeting. Note: PSA reserves the right to limit or refuse future abstract submissions from scientists who authored or coauthored previous abstracts and failed to display a poster and/or to present it at the scheduled time.

Accuracy, efficiency, and ease of communication should be the main criteria in designing posters. Secondary criteria include aesthetic appeal and variety (such as mixing graphs with tables, use of color, etc.). Some helpful suggestions are:

- It should be possible to read and understand a poster within 5 to 10 minutes.
- Titles and conclusions should quickly and effectively communicate the key results of your research.
- Graphs and tables, where appropriate, are preferred means of communicating data.
- Color adds immensely to posters, particularly graphs
- Photographs are permitted on the poster, if applicable to the experiment
- A small portrait of the presenting author will greatly assist viewers in locating or identifying the author during the meeting.

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