

Poster Sessions

Each participant is provided with a tack board for mounting data. Common and very readable poster sizes are 56" wide by 42" high or 48" wide by 38" high. Authors should plan to attend a reception from 4:00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Symposium attendees will have the opportunity to view. *A change to the program this year, the posters will be judged by NCB Board Members and/or volunteers assigned by the Board.* Awards coordinator will present awards for the top three best posters in the afternoon during the Poster Reception with a certificate and an honorarium: \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, \$50 for third place.

Authors are advised to consider the following when you put your posters together:

Quality and Content of Photos (clear, easily understood, subject merit).

Organization and Flow (abstract, introduction, methods, conclusion).

Relevance (is material relevant to the fields of laboratory animal science and will it make an impact).

Innovation or Refinement (will information advance current knowledge of laboratory animal science).

Overall Appearance (the big picture)

Abstract Preparation & Submission

The purpose of an abstract is to provide a clear and concise summary of the information to be presented in greater detail in a paper, oral presentation, or poster session. An abstract usually contains some of the major components of your poster but presents the information in a single paragraph. In preparing your abstract, consider that your audience will have a very diverse expertise.

All abstracts should meet these criteria:

- **Abstracts should be a single paragraph, not to exceed 2,300 characters (approximately 300 words).**
- The title (maximum 20 words) should convey without excessive detail the abstract subject matter.
- The abstract body should address the specific points listed under the abstract type (see below).
- Tables of data are not permitted in the abstract.
- Do not use trade names, technical jargon, names of products, companies, or institutions, or abbreviations other than units of measurement.

- You may submit a completed poster in lieu of
- NCB-AALAS will accept abstracts/posters presented at previous or forthcoming local, district, or national AALAS meetings or other scientific meetings
- You should not submit abstracts/posters presented at previous NCB-AALAS Symposium.

Each sentence in the abstract should be examined out of context for clarity and economy of words. The abstract should be unified, coherent, and logical in its progression from one section to the next. Have grammar, punctuation, and spelling checked by more than one reviewer before final submission. A person unfamiliar with the work may be helpful in pinpointing problems in content. Review abstracts and posters from past meetings to get a feel for style and format.