GENERAL CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference Focus

As wild pigs continue to invade almost every state in the America, and many countries abroad, the focus of the 2018 conference centers around research, economics, control methods, and understanding of wild pigs through science and management. We welcome papers from a broad scope of topics including: wild pig biology and behavior; the impact on native/endangered plants and animals; disease threats to animals and humans; toxicant research, and the impacts on industries, livelihoods, neighborhoods, water quality, and soil. Papers and presentations could also address ecological damage, economic effects, management tactics, legislation specific to wild pigs, public response to wild pigs, or disease control and monitoring programs. We also welcome abstract submissions for papers and presentations on other wild pig topics including past and present research.

Oral Presentations

Oral presentation submissions are encouraged and will be reviewed for acceptance by an independent selection committee. Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes, including time for questions and answers. Only presentations in Microsoft PowerPoint will be supported through our conferencing audio visual equipment. Please be concise but thorough in your presentation and include research results, proven management techniques, experimental management programs, and recommendations.

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations are another option for displaying research and management programs. Posters will be mounted on large standing easels and should summarize study objectives, procedures, results, and implications. It is also useful to add contact information to a poster for future collaboration or contact. Posters will be displayed in a prominent conference area and will be visible by all participants. Poster presenters are encouraged to remain by their poster for questions during all of the mid-session breaks. Poster dimensions should not exceed 4' x 4'. Tape, pins, and adhesives will be available for mounting.

Abstract Submission Procedures

Each submitted and accepted abstract will be printed in the conference program, available at the event and on the website in pdf form. The abstract submission deadline for both oral and poster presentations is **February 15, 2018.** Please choose one of the following formats to compose your abstract:

1) Microsoft Word Attachment, 12 pt. font, single spaced.
2) E-mail body, 12 pt. font, single spaced

Please e-mail your abstract to the address listed below- faxed submission is not offered. Presenters will be notified of their acceptance by March 1, 2018 to ensure time for travel, etc. Please follow the outline below to submit your abstract:

Abstract Requirements:

1. Date of Submission
2. Name of Presenter/Author
3. Affiliation
4. Address
5. Phone and E-mail
6. Title of Paper/Presentation
7. Lead Author, Affiliation, Address and E-mail
8. Additional Authors
9. Abstract Body- please include conclusions (300 words or less)
   *Research in progress is acceptable, but please indicate this in your abstract.
10. Please indicate whether you are submitting an abstract for oral presentation or poster presentation

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