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**Florida Section American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FASABE)
Graduate Student Presentation Competition Guidelines**

1. Graduate students from any accredited university or college are eligible to enter the FASABE Graduate Student Presentation Competition as long as their research topic is consistent with FASABE paper sessions.
2. Abstract titles intended for the competition are submitted to the FASABE Vice-Chair Programs by completing the attached *Call for Presentations* proposal form. Please note you are a competitor by **completing line 1c.**
3. The Proposal abstract is part of the competition; students who do not submit an abstract by the deadline will not be allowed to compete at the meeting.
4. The FASABE Vice-Chair Awards will assemble the graduate student forum(s) based on number of entries received and their research topics.
5. Judges for the presentations and abstracts will be selected by the FASABE Vice-Chair Awards. We will attempt to have at least three judges per presentation.
6. The FASABE Treasurer is responsible for producing checks that will be presented to the winning students during the FASABE Annual Conference Awards Reception.

The 2012 FASABE Annual Conference will be held June 13-16, 2012, at the Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa, Jupiter Beach, Florida. Competitors will present during the technical sessions on June 14th or 15th.



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Fifth Annual Graduate Student Presentation Competition**

The Fifth Annual Graduate Student Forum Presentation Competition provides an excellent opportunity for graduate students to sharpen their presentation skills. There is also the chance of collecting a cash award in the process.

Best Presentation awards are \$200 for 1st place and \$100 for 2nd place. Graduate students are asked to present their work at the FASABE Annual Conference.

Paper titles and abstracts should be submitted by completing the FASABE Presentation Proposal form. Be sure to complete *Line 1c*. Submit to Kevin Wright, 9225 CR-49, Live Oak, FL 32060, Email: klw@srwmd.org, Fax: 386-362-1056

Proposal deadline: March 4, 2012

An abstract is required in conjunction with the presentation. Attach your abstract to complete the "Proposal" section of the FASABE Presentation Proposal Form.

Abstract Style and Submission Guidelines of FASABE:

- Abstracts should be double-spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font.
- The abstract should call attention to new techniques, observations, or data. Be specific.
- Since an informative abstract has to stand alone, do not deflect the reader with promises like "will be discussed" or "will be explained".
- Limit the use of abbreviations, and define the ones you do use.
- Use only left justification.
- Do not center text on page.
- Please **bold** the title.
- Capitalize first letter of every word in the title.
- After the title, skip a single line and begin the author's name(s) and affiliation(s).
- Underline the author who will be presenting the paper.
- Follow each author's name with their affiliation. A single affiliation with multiple authors should only be listed once. UF affiliations only need the location followed by "UF"; all other Florida affiliations need only the company name and city. Affiliations outside Florida must contain the location, city, state, and, if outside the US, the country.
- After the author's name(s) and affiliation(s), skip a line, then begin the body of the abstract.
- Write the abstract as a single paragraph, with a limit of 300 words.
- Do not indent the first line of the abstract.
- Use *italics* to indicate Latin names of genus and species.
- Capitalize proper nouns.

SCORE CARD

NAME OF JUDGE _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

Rank each presentation plus abstract in the following categories by assigning a score of 0 to 20 points per category. Total the score and sign the sheet at the bottom.

Score

- 1. Organization (20 pts)
Adequate introduction?
Ideas developed in a logical order?
Adequate coverage of subject?
Discussion, summary and/or conclusions emphasize significance of research?
Category 1 Score _____
- 2. Presentation (20 pts)
Smooth, flowing delivery?
Apparent enthusiasm for topic?
Grammar?
Audience eye contact?
Absence of distracting mannerisms?
Category 2 Score _____
- 3. Visual Aids (20 pts)
Appropriate and effective as a supplement to the presentation?
Complete as presented to communicate ideas?
Easily read by audience?
All material on the visual aid used effectively?
Category 3 Score _____
- 4. Subject Comprehension (20 pts)
Originality of the speaker demonstrated in the assembly of ideas?
Ability to answer questions?
Was the paper pertinent, a challenge, a new idea?
Category 4 Score _____
- 5. Abstract (20 pts)
Does the abstract accurately describe the presentation?
Is the abstract well-written?
Does the format conform to the instructions?
Category 5 Score _____

SIGNATURE OF JUDGE _____

SCORE CARD TOTAL _____