



Canadian Forage & Grassland Association
Association canadienne pour les plantes fourragères



8th Annual CFGGA Conference

November 14-16, 2017

Delta Guelph Hotel & Conference Centre
Guelph, ON

Call for Abstracts of Student Poster Presentations

Planning is well underway for the 8th Annual CFGGA Conference and the overall theme is ***Next Generation Forage Cropping Systems: Profit Above, Wealth Below*** in recognition of the important role forage and grasslands play in providing both economic and environmental benefits to Canadians from coast to coast.

The Conference Organizing Committee invites the submission of 300-word abstracts of Student Poster Presentations addressing the topic areas indicated below. Abstracts are to be submitted by email to the Conference Coordinator before September 15, 2017.

Posters will be judged and prizes awarded.

Profit Above: With a direct economic value of \$5.09 billion and over 70 million acres in production, forage is the largest land use sector in Canadian agriculture and is the backbone of Canada's ruminant industry. In 2012, exports of forages and forage seeds accounted for 4% of the industry's value.

Wealth Below: Perennial forage crops help sequester carbon because their root systems can store up to 2.7 times more carbon than annual crops. They sequester carbon deeper in the ground and, as less tilling is done on forage and grassland fields, slow the breakdown and release of carbon into the atmosphere. Studies indicate that the environmental impact of forages doubles their monetary value of \$5.09 billion.

Key topic areas at this year's conference include:

- Soil Carbon Storage
- Soil Health Enhancement
- Forage Exports
- Profitable Forage Systems

Eligibility

Submissions are to be made by students in full-time attendance at a recognized Canadian post-secondary academic institution. Poster presenters must register and attend the conference. A reduced registration fee is provided to students.

Abstract Submission Details

Abstracts are to be formatted to North American Letter, 216 mm by 279 mm (8 ½" x 11") with 25 mm (1") margins on all sides. The font size should be 11-point Arial with single spacing.

The abstract submission deadline is September 15, 2017.

Abstracts are to include:

- Which topic area the abstract falls within
- Presentation title
- The names, affiliations and email addresses for all co-authors, with the name of the primary author/presenter indicated in **bold**
- an introductory statement
- a description of the work performed
- relevance of the work to the conference theme and topic area(s)
- results achieved

Submit by email to:

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