Abstract Submission Guidelines
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The fourth annual Sustainable Protein Forum will take place in-person in Chicago, Illinois, USA and online from October 4-6, 2022. Attendees will discover the latest breakthroughs in sustainable protein science and technology, and gain insights from thought leaders in nutrition, edible applications, processing, and manufacturing of alternative protein-based foods.

Why participate?
- Connect with colleagues from around the globe to explore the future of alternative protein-based food systems.
- Learn the latest information on the analysis, nutrition, and applications of alternative protein-based foods.
- Join live, interactive sessions either in-person or online.

This one-of-a-kind conference brings together leaders from all components of the food system — from production and processing to distribution and consumption. Make sure your voice is heard as we shape the future of the alternative protein environment together.

These abstract submission guidelines include:

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ePoster Abstract Submission Process

Thank you for your interest in submitting quality and original research for presentation via an ePoster at the 2022 Sustainable Protein Forum! If accepted, your abstract will be displayed in the distinguished international venue of the 2022 Sustainable Protein Forum.

ePoster abstracts will be collected from June 20 – August 29, 2022. Immediately thereafter, the Forum Organizing Committee will review all abstracts and select the premier submissions to be included in the Forum’s ePoster session.

All ePoster abstract submissions whose presenting authors are full-time students are automatically entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition. See page 8 for details.

AOCS welcomes and appreciates all who submit ePoster abstracts and looks forward to another successful Sustainable Protein Forum!

Submission System
All authors wishing to contribute papers to the Sustainable Protein Forum must submit an abstract for review by the Forum Organizing Committee via an online form: https://fs10.formsites.com/AOCS/que7p6p6xw/index.html. Instructions for navigating the submission system begin on page 4.

Submission Deadline
Abstracts will be collected from June 20 – August 29, 2022.

Registration Requirements
All presenters are required to register and pay the appropriate registration fees to present and attend the 2022 Sustainable Protein Forum. Registration is currently available at Sustainable Protein Forum (aocs.org).

Registration rates for the full Forum will start at US $59. AOCS does not reimburse presenters for registration fees or other expenses incurred during the Forum. Failure to register for the conference by September 30, 2022 will result in the automatic withdrawal of your abstract from the official conference program.

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Submission Guidelines

General Guidelines

- The data presented must be substantive. AOCS discourages the submission of incomplete research at the time of submission. Recent results may be added at the time of presenting; however, the results shown in the abstract must be substantive.

- Abstracts should address the following:
  1. Justification
  2. Objective
  3. Methods
  4. Results
  5. Significance of your research to the Forum audience

- Authors should not split data to create several abstracts from one study. If two or more abstracts on related topics with minimal information are submitted, the priority of related abstracts will be reduced.

- Data must represent new findings obtained using the scientific approach.

- Findings should be stated in sufficient detail to support conclusions. Updated research related to a previous presentation needs to be indicated in the abstract.

- The abstract must cite quantitative data from representative experiments. Do not simply state that the results will be discussed.

- Abstracts submitted to the Sustainable Protein Forum that deal with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and should not be submitted for promotion purposes.

- All abstracts must use correct grammar and punctuation. Proofread very carefully for formatting, spelling, and grammar to avoid errors before submission. Abstracts will be published as submitted.

- Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.
Submission Form User Guide

All authors wishing to present an ePoster at the 2022 Sustainable Protein Forum must submit an abstract for review by the Forum Organizing Committee via an online form. All submissions are due August 29, 2022. Decisions will be distributed by September 7, 2022.


2. Complete the “Abstract” section:

**Abstract Title:** Clearly identify the focus of the abstract in 200 characters or less. The title should be entered in sentence case. Capitalize only the first letter of the title, any proper nouns or acronyms, and the first word following a colon (:). Do not begin abstract titles with "The", "A", or "And" and do not end titles with a period (.)

**Abstract Body:** In 300 words or less, describe the type of information to be presented and why it is important to the Forum audience. This might include learning objectives or the challenge/opportunity that makes the presentation relevant. The description should generate the attendee’s interest and encourage them to view the presentation to learn more.
Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations must be kept to a minimum and must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.

Abstracts and presentations within the Forum that deal with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and should not be submitted for promotion purposes.

Carefully proofread and check your submission for accuracy; abstracts will be published as submitted.

**Student Submission**: Indicate if the presenting author is a full-time student. If so, the abstract will be automatically entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition. See competition details on page 8.

3. Complete the “Presenting Author Information” section.
**Brief Biography:** Limit your biography to 200 words or less.

**Speaker Photo:** Upload a high resolution (300 dpi or 72 dpi with large pixel dimension) photo of the presenting author. When taking a photo with a digital camera/smartphone, set the resolution/quality to the highest setting and zoom in for a head and shoulders photo. By uploading this photo, you certify that you have the right to distribute the image and you release it for use on the program materials for the conference.

**Co-Authors:** Indicate the number of co-authors that need to be added to the submission. Up to 5 co-authors can be added on the form. If you need to add more authors, please contact Lauren Rohde at lauren.rohde@aocs.org.

4. If you indicated you have co-authors during step #3, the “Co-Author Information” section will appear. For each co-author, include full contact details. If you do not have any co-authors, proceed to step #5.
5. Review your submission and click “Submit” when ready.

A copy of the completed submission will be emailed from noreply@fs10.formsite.com to the email address listed for the presenting author.

All abstracts submitted by **August 29, 2022** will be sent for review. Decisions will be distributed by **September 7, 2022**.
Student ePoster Pitch Competition

The AOCS community is a unique mix of professionals from industry, academia and government working in all areas of the proteins, fats, and oils-supply chain, from field to product. Supporting students in the sustainable protein science and technology fields is an important mission to AOCS.

The Student ePoster Pitch Competition was designed to give student researchers an opportunity to highlight their achievements, demonstrate their ability in scientific presentations, and receive important feedback and mentoring from industry leaders.

All ePoster abstract submissions whose presenting authors meet the criteria listed below are automatically entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition.

Up to six finalists from the pool of accepted ePoster abstracts will be selected to give an additional 5-minute oral presentation during the Sustainable Protein Forum. At the conclusion of the oral competition session, the viewing audience will be encouraged to vote for their favorite pitch!

All accepted abstracts, ePosters (single-page PDF with static text and images), and oral presentations will be available to all Sustainable Protein Forum attendees. The abstracts and oral presentations may also be made available to the general public on the AOCS website(s).

Eligibility
The competition is open to individuals who are full-time students at the time of submission for work recently performed while enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degree program.

All presenters – including those participating in the Student ePoster Pitch Competition – are required to register and pay the appropriate registration fees to attend the Sustainable Protein Forum. Registration is currently available at Sustainable Protein Forum (aocs.org).

Each accepted poster submission with a student presenting author poster will receive a 50% discount on their Forum registration. The registration code will be provided in early September.

Registration rates for the full Forum will start at US $59. AOCS does not reimburse presenters for registration fees or other expenses incurred during the Forum. Failure to register for the conference by September 9, 2022 will result in the automatic withdrawal of your abstract from the official conference program.

Judging Panels & Criteria
The Forum Organizing Committee will hand-select the judging panel for their competition. The judging panel will utilize the following criteria to select finalists and competition winners:

- Scientific quality
  - Rationale, hypothesis, justification
  - Relevance, pertinence, impact
  - Materials and methods
  - Results and interpretation
  - Conclusions
- Presentation and engagement
  - Clarity of presentation
• Graphic/visual quality
• Enthusiasm for the research
• Audience engagement
• Results of live audience voting

Awards
First place winner receives:
• US $300 cash prize
• Recognition certificate
• 2023 AOCs student membership
• Recognition in the AOCs Newsletter

Second place winner receives:
• US $200 cash prize
• Recognition certificate

Third place winner receives:
• US $100 cash prize
• Recognition certificate

All finalists will receive a recognition certificate.

Key Dates
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Competition Format
The competition is broken down into three stages.

Stage 1: Submission
Participants submit a poster abstract through the submission site. The deadline for abstract submission is August 29, 2022.

Stage 2: Selection of finalists
The week of August 29, the judging panel will review all eligible submitted abstracts. Using the “Scientific quality” selection criteria noted above, each judging panel will identify a maximum of six finalists.

Finalists will be announced on September 7, 2022.

Stage 3: Oral presentations by finalists
Each finalist will present a short live oral presentation during the 2022 Sustainable Protein Forum. A question-and-answer period will follow each presentation.
Using the “Scientific quality” and “Presentation and engagement” judging criteria noted above, the judging panel will identify a first and second place winner.

Getting Started
Submit an ePoster abstract for review via the online form: https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/que7p6p6xw/index.html. Instructions for navigating the submission system begin on page 4.

During the abstract submission process, be sure to answer “Yes” to the question, “Is this a student ePoster submission?”

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