

## **Poster Presentation & Abstract Guidelines**

Poster presentations provide the opportunity for the presenter and the audience to talk with one another. A physical arrangement similar to an exhibit area is used for this interaction. Each presenter is provided with a freestanding bulletin board on which to display the poster. A relatively large number of posters will be displayed during each poster session. During the designated period, the audience moves through the poster displays, stopping to interact with those who are presenting research that is of special interest to them. Poster presenters should come prepared with a 3-5 minute oral presentation to provide interested attendees.

### **Abstract Submission Rules**

- The data presented must not be published before the meeting.
- The data presented must be substantive. IFT 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 MUST address the following: 1. Justification 2. Objective 3. Methods 4. Results 5. Significance of your research to the food science field.
- 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, priority of related abstracts will be reduced.
- Data must represent new findings obtained using the scientific approach. Data similar to previous presentations should not be submitted. Findings should be stated in sufficient detail to support conclusions.
- The abstract must cite quantitative data from representative experiments. Do not simply state that the results will be discussed.
- Abstracts may be no longer than 300 words.
- 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.
- Do not include references, credits or grant support.
- Abstracts dealing with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and should not be submitted for promotion purposes. Also see New Products and Technologies Submission Guidelines for abstracts of this nature.
- All abstracts must use correct grammar and punctuation.
- Proofread very carefully for formatting, spelling, and grammar to avoid errors before submission. You will not have the ability to edit your abstract after submission.
- Tables and images may NOT be included in the abstract.
- All authors must have a copy of the abstract before the time of submission.
- At least one of the authors must be a member in good standing of the Institute of Food Technologists or one of the non-U.S. IFT Allied Organizations.
- Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.