

The American Association of Professional Apiculturists First Call for Papers for the American Bee Research Conference

San Antonio, TX

January 10-11, 2014

The American Association of Professional Apiculturists (AAPA) will conduct the 2014 American Bee Research Conference (ABRC) at the OMNI Hotel in San Antonio, TX, on January 10 & 11, 2014. Lodging will be available Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade. All apiculture specialists and apiculture students are invited to attend and present papers at this conference. Our meeting will be held together with the annual meetings of the American Honey Producers Association (AHPA) and the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA).

The purpose of the ABRC is to provide an opportunity for scientists to present their current work to those present as well as to a worldwide audience via the *American Bee Journal*. A second objective is to provide an opportunity for all of us to get to know other honey bee researchers in an informal social setting in addition to the traditional meeting format. Scientists from all countries are welcome.

Registration Fees

Registration fee for speakers and attendees at ABRC will be \$125. Participants are welcome to attend the AHPA convention on January 10 & 11 at no additional cost. Those wishing to attend the AHPA convention on other days (they will meet January 7-11) should visit their website at <http://www.ahpanet.com/?page=AHPAconvention> for information on registration costs.

Accommodations and Transportation

Lodging will be available at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade. Discounted room rates (with complimentary breakfast) will be provided through the AHPA website if booked by 21 December 2013. For more information please follow this link: <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/SanAntonio/MeetingFacilities/AmericanHoneyProducers1.aspx> The city of San Antonio has an international airport. Details on travel to and from the hotel are available at: <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/SanAntonio/MapAndDirections.aspx>

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Procedures for titles, abstracts and presentations

1. **Subjects:** Presentations and abstracts are restricted to research involving the genus *Apis*. Previously published work is not acceptable. Presentations of current research and of articles submitted for publication are encouraged. Abstracts will be published as the "Proceedings of the 2014 American Bee Research Conference" in the May issue of *American Bee Journal*. Publication of an abstract does not preclude later publication in a journal requiring unpublished work.

2. **Title deadlines and scheduling:** Send titles, author list and institutional addresses for presentations by email to either Juliana Rangel (jrangel@tamu.edu) or Ramesh Sagili (sagilir@hort.oregonstate.edu) no later than **December 1, 2013**, or by phone (979-845-1074) or fax (979-845-6305).

Abstract deadline: Authors are encouraged to e-mail their abstracts before the meeting to Juliana Rangel (jrangel@tamu.edu) by December 21, 2013. Alternatively, abstracts may be delivered at the meeting. Please submit a double-spaced hard copy, and a copy on a USB stick or disk. **All students who plan to present should submit a title and names of authors.**

3. **Student paper competition:** Students attending the meeting are encouraged to enter the student paper competition. When submitting titles, students should indicate that they wish to participate in the student paper competition, and they should bring three printed copies of their abstract to the meeting. A plaque and a check for \$50 are awarded to the winner.

4. **Abstract format:** The maximum length of an abstract is 540 words. An abstract may have one table or figure. If a table or figure is included, the text and figure caption are limited to 350 words. A graph, photograph, or table will be printed in a single column width of 3 1/4" (8.5 cm). When preparing the manuscript, use the format from a previously published proceedings or the included example as a guide. There should be no more than four coauthors per abstract. Abstract guidelines for oral, poster and written presentations are the same.

5. **Oral presentations:** Each speaker will be allotted 15 minutes for a presentation and is limited to only one presentation. Participants are encouraged to consider poster presentations if they plan on more than one presentation at the ABRC. The actual talk should be 10-12 minutes to allow time for discussion and the speaker must be an author. All presenters should bring their presentation (MS PowerPoint) to the meeting on a CD or USB-storage device. Presentations should be saved as a .ppt or .pps file (.pps preferred). If you prepared your presentation on a Mac, please make sure to save it in a format that can be read by a PC. All presentations will be loaded onto one computer to make efficient use of time. All presenters should submit their presentation to the program chair (Juliana Rangel, jrangel@tamu.edu) by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

6. **Poster presentations:** Poster presentations are encouraged at ABRC and there is no limit on number of posters that each participant can present. Posters should be no larger than 4 feet x 4 feet, much like posters for other scientific conferences.

7. **Written presentations:** An additional one or two written presentations will be accepted on condition that the senior author of a written paper presents a senior-authored oral or poster presentation (see #5 and #6, above). The written paper is limited to two pages, but may be single spaced and arranged with figures or tables in any way the author chooses. The author should bring 50 copies of the paper to the podium before the beginning of the meeting. Preferably, the two pages will be copied onto two sides of a single sheet of paper. A written paper will be listed as such in the program and printed as an abstract (in the abstract format) in the Proceedings of the ABRC.

A sample abstract for the American Bee Research Conference

Please type your abstract (double spaced) in the following format:

Williams, J.L., W. Bruce & J. Pettis - TITLE IN CAPITAL LETTERS - Leave 4 spaces before the author so I can assign a number to the abstract. Do not include a title page. If you have a figure or table, refer to it as figure or (table) or (see figure) not as Table I or Figure I because no paper will have more than one figure or table. Use a 1 inch margin throughout the page.

Subsequent paragraphs should be indented as usual. Any references should be cited in the text using the official abbreviation of the journal. Use only last names, list no titles, and give no more than two authors per citation. Examples: (Harris, *J Apic. Res.* in press), (Hall *et al.*, 1995 *Am. Bee J* 121:61-62) or (Delaplane & Guzman, 1998 *Science* 108:217).

Addresses of authors will be footnoted as in previous Proceedings, so be sure that you include the address of each author (complete but as brief as possible) as you want it to appear in the journal. This will be compiled on a separate sheet, so you can put it at the end of the abstract or on the back of the text. Also, in case there are questions from the editor, include telephone, FAX numbers and an e-mail address.

Please make a special effort to have your abstract understandable by nontechnical readers. Since a figure or table often helps explain results and attract reader interest, authors are encouraged to use a figure or table and less text.