45th ANNUAL MEETING

Southeast Deer Study Group

FEBRUARY 21-23 2022

Call for Abstracts Submission Guidelines 2022

OVERVIEW

The Southeast Deer Study Group invites deer researchers, students, and managers from across the Southeast and beyond to submit abstracts for presentation at our 45th annual meeting taking place virtually February 21 to 23, 2022. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **December 1, 2022**, and all submissions must be made through the online submission portal linked from the NDA website.

Presentations will be selected based solely on the merits of the abstract's originality, quality, and management applicability. Abstracts scheduled for presentation during the sessions will be compiled as part of the meeting proceedings. Subject matter may include case studies, management challenges, or final research results intended for future publication. Progress reports and preliminary results on ongoing research also are appropriate subject matter but results from completed projects are preferred.

Since the abstract is the only record of the presentation, evaluation will be based solely on abstract content and quality rather than what the author intends to have prepared by the meeting date.

Authors will receive a confirmation email when their abstract has been received. Primary authors will be notified of acceptance or not, no later than **December 22, 2022**. Specifications for oral and poster presentations will be sent directly to the authors accepted for those sessions.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

A cash award and plaque will be awarded to the best student presentation and a cash award will be given to the second-place student presentation. To qualify as a student presenter, the senior author must either be a graduate or undergraduate student or be in his/her first year of employment post-graduation. Presentations should address the presenter's graduate research, senior thesis, or similar project in which he/she was involved while a student. The presenter must be the primary person involved in data collection, analysis, and presentation preparation. Students wishing to compete for this award must indicate the name of their advisor on the abstract cover letter. Student abstracts will be subjected to the same review process as the other abstracts and only those selected for inclusion in the meeting program will be eligible for the award. Award selection will be based entirely on scientific relevance and presentation quality.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

General Formatting
- Formatted for 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins, double-spaced
- .doc or .docx file formats only
- Times New Roman 12-point font
- Name file *yourlastname_yourfirstname_Abstract.docx*

Cover Sheet
- Line 1: "Technical Session" or "Poster Session" as appropriate
- Line 2: Presentation Title (Title Case, bold font, 15 words or less)
- Line 3: "Student Presentation" as appropriate [if "Student Presentation", insert name of advisor on the following line]
- Line 4: Last name, first name, middle initial of senior author
- Line 5: Affiliation of senior author
- Line 6: Mailing address of senior author
- Line 7: Phone number of senior author
- Line 8: E-mail address of senior author
- Lines 9+: Add each additional author in this format: (First Name MI Last Name). (Affiliation). (Street Address, City, State Zip Code). Use separate section (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.) for each additional author.

Abstract
- Line 1: "Technical Session" or "Poster Session" as appropriate
- Line 2: **Presentation Title** (Title Case, bold font, 15 words or less)
- Lines 3+: Abstract content (250-word limit)
  - All distances, areas, weights, etc., must be presented in English units (feet, acres, etc.). DO NOT use metric units.
  - Abstracts should describe:
    - *What you studied and why* - place the research in perspective by explaining the reason for the work.
    - *How you did your research* - briefly explain your methods.
    - *What you found* - summarize your results.
    - *What it means* - state your conclusions and management implications.