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CALL FOR PAPERS
2018 BELTWIDE COTTON CONFERENCES
Marriott Rivercenter Hotel
San Antonio, Texas January 3-5

TO: Prospective Oral and Poster Technical Conferences' Presenters

FROM: Dale Thompson, Coordinator, Beltwide Cotton Conferences

The 2018 Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC) **call for papers** opens August 1, 2017. Those interested in making an oral or poster presentation at this forum must start the process by selecting the appropriate option from those on the [Choose a Technical Conference](#) page. There, prospective presenters may select a technical conference session by clicking on one of the appropriate hot links then completing the online submission process.

The **technical conference form** requires: 1) a working title, 2) the name and email address of the person making the submission, and 3) names and email addresses of co-authors and their affiliation. The form also requires a brief description of the paper or poster. Without brief descriptions, it is difficult to determine if a submission should be accepted and, if accepted, where to place the submission in an oral or poster session.

[BWCC website](#) updates will provide information about meeting registration, hotel reservations and other BWCC related activities. The 2018 Cotton Consultants Conference is scheduled on Wednesday afternoon, January 3. The technical conferences will take place all day on Thursday, January 4 and conclude at noon on Friday, January 5. Please refer to the [conference descriptions](#) for information about each conference. Please contact the appropriate conference [chairperson](#) if more information is needed.

In addition to oral presentations, most technical conferences hold poster sessions. When making a request, make sure the preferred presentation format is indicated on the form. Before submitting a poster, please review the [guidelines for poster presentations](#) on the BWCC website.

The deadline for submitting a request to present (oral or poster) is October 16, 2017. Completed requests will be reviewed by the conference chairperson following the submission deadline. Once sessions are arranged and the 2018 BWCC program is ready for publication, presentation submitters will receive an email notification informing them of their submissions' status. All submitters should receive notification by November 10, 2017.

Please note:

Time Allotted for Presentations – 15 minutes is allocated per presentation in technical conferences. 12 minutes is encouraged to accommodate discussion.

Description – Descriptions for each submission are required. The description should include a short statement of justification, objective, materials and methods, and results (if available). These descriptions will not be published in the proceedings but do appear online in the Confex scheduling tools and along with the recorded presentations. Descriptions assist the chairpersons in organizing their conferences and ensures that submissions are included in the appropriate conference.

Manuscripts – Full papers or abstracts (manuscripts) are requested for the 2018 BWCC Proceedings. If a paper will not be published in the Proceedings but may be published in a refereed journal or similar

publication, please consider submitting an abstract for inclusion in the Proceedings. Amplified abstracts should include information about the alternative journal along with a link to that publication.

Once oral presentations or posters are accepted, manuscripts and abstracts may be uploaded. Links to updates will be posted on the BWCC [Technical Conference](#) web page.

Registration Fee – All participants, including speakers and poster presenters, must pay the conference registration fee.