

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF)



2017 TACF Annual Meeting

LAST CALL - Request for Proposals: Poster Session

October 6-7, 2017

Double Tree by Hilton Portland Hotel

363 Maine Mall Rd

South Portland, ME 04106

Final Submission Deadline: NO LATER THAN September 8, 2017

Over the past 34 years, The American Chestnut Foundation® (TACF) has led the effort to restore the American chestnut, bringing this important issue to the forefront of current conservation initiatives. The TACF 2017 Annual Meeting will bring together scientists, conservationists, private landowners and industry professionals to share information and perspectives about the American chestnut and inspire reintroduction of this species to eastern forests. The meeting will provide an opportunity to enhance awareness of the importance of American chestnut restoration, explore partnerships, exchange information and discuss this exciting project with a wide audience.

POSTER SESSION

TACF's poster session aims to recognize the breadth of topics under investigation in the name of species restoration. It is a great way to expose attendees to the most current research, and the variety of American chestnut projects being pursued. Research posters are sought that address topics relative to American chestnut restoration and include, but are not limited to:

- Silviculture and forest management
- Chestnut blight, *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (ink disease) and other pests and pathogens
- Forest genetics
- Restoration and reintroduction
- Mine-land reclamation
- Forest and wildlife ecology
- History
- Timber value/use
- Breeding and biotechnology
- Other topics related to American chestnut

To have a poster considered for inclusion, please submit an abstract **NO LATER THAN September 8, 2017** to Kendra Collins: kendra.collins@acf.org. Please follow the abstract format guidelines below. Participation in the poster session by at least one author is expected of all accepted posters. The poster session will be on Friday, October 6, 2017 and the poster abstract will be included in the 2017 Annual Meeting proceedings.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

We will be including a poster competition for student posters this year and offering a cash prize for the best poster, as well as the first runner-up. Prizes will be \$250 for first, and \$100 for second. Students must present their poster in-person to be eligible to win. Good luck!

In addition, we will waive the registration fee for any student submitting a poster that would like to attend the program portion of the meeting. You can find the program schedule here/attached.

If you are a current student (undergraduate, graduate, high school, etc.) please let us know when you submit your abstract. Hope you can join us!

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please format your abstract as follows:

Abstract Title in Calibri, 16pt font, bold

Author last name, first initial, middle initial¹; co-author last name, first initial, middle initial²; etc. Year. (Times New Roman, 12pt font, bold)

¹Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

²Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

Abstract text should be limited to 200-300 words (Times New Roman, 12pt font). The abstract should contain a concise but comprehensive statement of the problem/study objective(s) and results. All abstracts should be written carefully and accurately. Abstracts that do not follow these explicit guidelines will not be accepted.

Key words: Optional.

Schedule of Events (*Subject to Change*):

2:00 – 4:55 PM CONCURRENT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

(35-minute sessions including 5-minute Q&A):

Orchard Management: Best Management Practices *Moderator: Kendra Collins*

- 2:00 – 2:35 PM **Vegetation** by Ron Lemin
- 2:40 – 3:15 PM **Rodents & Deer** by Kendra Collins
- 3:20 – 3:35 PM BREAK / REFRESHMENTS
- 3:40 – 4:15 PM **Insects** by Dr. Martin Cipollini
- 4:20 – 4:55 PM **Partnerships & Outreach** by Lois Melican

Chestnut Ecology *Moderator: Kendra Collins*

- 2:00 – 2:35 PM **Progeny/Silviculture Trials** by Jason Payne
- 2:40 – 3:15 PM **Restoration Trials in Maine** by Dr. Brian Roth
- 3:20 – 3:35 PM BREAK / REFRESHMENTS
- 3:40 – 4:15 PM **Cold Tolerance** by Dr. Paul Schaberg and Gary Hawley
- 4:20 – 4:55 PM **Climate Change** by Dr. Douglass Jacobs

Genomics & Breeding *Moderator: Ben Jarrett*

- 2:00 – 2:35 PM **Small Stem Assays** by Thomas Saielli
- 2:40 – 3:15 PM **PRR Screening Trials** by Dr. Paul Sisco
- 3:20 – 3:35 PM BREAK / REFRESHMENTS
- 3:40 – 4:15 PM **Genomic Selection Explained** by Dr. Jared Westbrook
- 4:20 – 4:55 PM **treeSnap (database)** by Dr. Dana Nelson

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Poster Presentations/Social Hour *(with cash bar)*