



2008 Joint Annual Meetings  
The American Forage and Grassland Council and  
The Society for Range Management

### Call for Abstracts

This is the first call for abstracts for papers, posters and symposia for the joint annual meetings of the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) and the Society for Range Management (SRM) in Louisville, Kentucky, from January 26 to January 31, 2008. The theme of the meeting is “Building Bridges: Grasslands to Rangelands,” so our two professional societies will be addressing many common issues and research on the management of pastures, grasslands, and rangelands. We require abstracts for contributed oral presentations, symposium presentations, and posters. **Abstracts should be submitted online by August 17, 2007** at a link found at “<http://www.rangelands.org/louisville2008/>”. The online submission site should be available soon. Notification of accepted abstracts will be made to the authors before October 5, 2007.

All abstracts will be published on CD-ROM, which will be distributed with registration materials at the meeting. For graduate students, please indicate if you are eligible for an SRM graduate student award (MS paper, PhD paper, MS poster, or PhD poster) or would like to present in the AFGC Emerging Scientist Competition.

The best procedure for submitting abstracts online will be to compose the abstract with your favorite word processor and then to paste the text into the text boxes. The correctness of the information submitted is the responsibility of the authors. It is essential that the email address of the presenting author is correct.

As the theme of the meeting is “Building Bridges,” the contributed paper and poster sessions of AFGC and SRM will be merged by general topic whenever possible. The main topic (and an alternative) for abstracts of contributed presentations and posters should be selected from the following list (grouped together by major themes):

- 10 Ecology (General)
  - 11 Synecology (community ecology, competition, succession)
  - 12 Landscape ecology
  - 13 Plant-animal relationships

- 14 Fire ecology and uses
- 15 Global change
- 16 Carbon sequestration
- 17 Invasive species
- 18 Riparian areas and wetlands
- 19 Ecosystem services
  
- 20 Range/Pasture Plants (General)
  - 21 Autecology (population ecology, physiological ecology)
  - 22 Plant physiology
  - 23 Genetic improvement of forages
  - 24 Ethnobotany
  - 25 Alternative forages
  - 26 Germplasm conservation
  
- 30 Soils/Hydrology (General)
  - 31 Biogeochemical cycling (including nutrient cycling)
  - 32 Hydrology and meteorology
  - 33 Soil ecology (including soil health and soil fertility)
  - 34 Watershed management
  - 35 Riparian management
  - 36 Water quality
  - 37 Land-use planning
  
- 40 Domestic Animals (General)
  - 41 Beef cattle (including nutrition and forage quality)
  - 42 Dairy cattle (including nutrition and forage quality)
  - 43 Horses (including nutrition and forage quality)
  - 44 Goats and sheep (including nutrition and forage quality)
  - 45 Other livestock (including nutrition and forage quality)
  - 46 Livestock behavior
  - 47 Animal physiology
  - 48 Animal interactions
  
- 50 Wildlife (General)
  - 51 Avian
  - 52 Small animal
  - 53 Large animal
  - 54 Livestock-wildlife interactions
  
- 60 Rangeland/Pasture Management (General)
  - 61 Reclamation and restoration (including seed germination)
  - 62 Grazing systems and management (including dairy grazing)
  - 63 Proscribed burning
  - 64 Forage and pasture improvement
  - 65 Native plant materials

- 66 Alfalfa and other legumes
- 67 Silvopasture
- 68 Weed and pest management and control
- 69 Brush management and control
  
- 70 Stored Forage and Biomass (General)
  - 71 Forage quality and utilization
  - 72 Biomass production
  - 73 Hay production
  - 74 Silage management
  - 75 Cellulostic ethanol production
  - 76 Biofuels
  
- 80 Technology and Monitoring (General)
  - 81 Assessment and monitoring (including ecosystem indicators)
  - 82 Remote sensing and GIS
  - 83 Computer applications and modeling
  - 84 Measurement and sampling techniques
  
- 90 Socio-Economics and Education (General)
  - 91 Social science (including conflict resolution, surveys)
  - 92 Economics
  - 93 Marketing
  - 94 Education
  - 95 Extension
  - 96 Recreation and tourism
  - 97 History
  - 98 Policy and issues

The time allocated for oral presentations is 20 minutes. Well-planned talks usually take about 17 minutes from introduction to conclusions, leaving about 3 minutes for questions at the end. Computers and a projector will be provided in each room. Talks can be in either Microsoft Powerpoint or Adobe PDF. **At least one hour before the start of your session, bring your file on either USB drive or CDROM, with the file labeled with your last name and time (for example, use “Lastname-1420.ppt”).** At the end of the session, the presentation files will be deleted.

Posters will be displayed for a four-hour time block starting at 8:30 AM or 1:30 PM. Poster size is 8 feet wide by 4 feet high and posters should be attached with Velcro (please bring your own). Poster presenters need to be by their poster for the first two hours of the session.

Final instructions (with any changes) will be sent to the presenting authors when they receive notification that their abstract was accepted.

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