

FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE THIRD GLOBAL NUTRITION SYMPOSIUM

Extending Our Reach: Linking research to extension to improve livestock productivity, human nutrition and incomes

Kathmandu, Nepal | April 25-26, 2019

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems at the University of Florida is hosting the Third Global Nutrition Symposium in Kathmandu, Nepal on April 25 and 26, 2019. This year's theme is **Extending Our Reach: Linking research to extension to improve livestock productivity, human nutrition and incomes**. This Symposium will bring together ministers of agriculture and livestock production, livestock and nutrition researchers, top university administrators, extensionists, and policy-makers globally. Participants will discuss and develop actionable strategies to bridge the research and extension gap and to demonstrate how the production and consumption of nutritious animal-source foods (ASF) can result in improved nutrition, health, incomes, and livelihoods especially for vulnerable women and children.

The Symposium will highlight the pathways for connecting research to extension services provided by the public and private sectors as well as civil society in different countries to foster greater research delivery and diffusion through extension and advisory services in developing countries.

The organizing committee is pleased to release the Symposium's call for poster abstracts. The poster session will serve an important function as it introduces the Symposium participants to a wide range of experiences particularly nutrition-sensitive livestock systems research and extension activities.

Submission of Poster Abstracts

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for abstracts release date	January 7, 2019
Abstract submission deadline	January 31, 2019 (11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern time)
Notification of acceptance	February 15, 2019

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The Symposium organizing committee will consider the relevance of the abstract to the theme of the Symposium, as well as the originality and clarity of the work. Emphasis will be on research and extension interlinkages from the target regions of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems, i.e., West and East Africa and Asia. Abstracts not adhering to the submission guidelines will not be reviewed or accepted.

- All poster abstracts must be submitted via the Piestar Proposal system. To submit your abstract, create an account at <https://rfx.piestar.com/opportunities> and follow the submission instructions. If you have technical difficulties, click on “Help” within Piestar. Please include all requested information. **Proposals received through email or any other form will not be considered or accepted.**
- Poster abstracts should be based on evidence and experiences of nutrition-sensitive (1) livestock systems research or (2) extension and other advisory services. Priority will be given to abstracts on the following themes:
 1. Innovative approaches linking livestock research and extension practice
 2. Behavioral change and ASF consumption
 3. Policy directives and field realities
 4. Partnerships to improve human nutrition through extension
 5. Youth, gender, and livestock extension systems
 6. Evaluation of extension’s nutrition efforts (e.g., tools, approaches, etc.)
- Abstracts must contain the following components:
 1. A descriptive title
 2. List of authors and institutions
 3. Key words
 4. Introduction/rationale of the study
 5. Study objectives
 6. Methods used
 7. Results
 8. Conclusion
- Abstracts should be limited to maximum of 200 words (main text only; numbers 4-8 above). Begin the count at the first word of the abstract itself and end the count with the word of the conclusion. The word count does not include the abstract title, author names, contact information, affiliations, or key words. The system will automatically reject abstracts that are too long. The submission portal will not identify special characters, such as Greek letters and math symbols, and we encourage not to use them in the main text.
- Authors will be notified by February 15, 2019 indicating the status (accept or reject) of their abstract. Accepted abstracts will be included in a poster session program and available to Symposium participants.

POSTER PRESENTATION INFORMATION

- The poster will be mounted on boards 48 inches wide by 36 inches tall oriented in the landscape position (long dimension is horizontal).
- Presenters will be provided with tacks and stick pins to hang their posters. Any other items needed must be furnished by the presenter.
- All accepted posters must have a representative present at the Symposium. Details on the time and date for the poster session will be sent to successful candidates.

OTHER DETAILS

- Cost of printing the poster (up to a maximum limit of US \$50) can be reimbursed to poster presenters from national research systems and universities as well as local non-governmental and other organizations. Original receipts are needed for reimbursement.