

Graduate Student Symposium 2010: Call for Abstracts

Graduate students are invited to present their research at the 2010 Graduate Student Symposium (GSS). The GSS will be held during the Joint Annual Meeting of the Entomological Societies of Canada and British Columbia, in Vancouver, 31 October to 4 November 2010. The purpose of the GSS is to provide an opportunity for graduate students nearing completion of their degrees to present an overview of their research. Presenters are given more time to talk and answer questions about their research (30 minutes total, 25 for the presentation with 5 minutes for questions) compared to speakers in the President's Prize Competition (15 minutes total; 12 minutes for the presentation and 3 for questions).

Please note: The GSS is completely separate from the President's Prize Competition and students wishing to present in both must submit different abstracts and papers for each. (Abstracts received for the GSS but not accepted are not automatically submitted for the President's Prize Competition and vice versa).

As the goal of the GSS is to give a higher profile to graduate students finishing their thesis research, applicants must either have defended their thesis within one year or be planning to defend within 1 year of the meeting.

Eligible candidates who wish to be considered for the GSS should submit the following information electronically **by 25 June 2010 to Chandra Moffat** (gsscommittee@gmail.com):

- 1) **an expanded abstract** (250 words) describing the proposed presentation,
- 2) **a letter of support** from the principal supervisor that confirms that anticipated or actual date of graduation, and comments on the proposed presentation, and
- 3) **a CV** that includes a list of previous conference presentations.

Unlike abstracts for papers presented in the President's Prize Competition, abstracts for papers presented in the GSS are published in the ESC Bulletin, an open access publication, received by all ESC members and by over 300 libraries around the world.

We would like to encourage all eligible students to apply for the GSS this year. Supervisors, please encourage your students to apply and please help us to spread the word! If you know any student who is in the field without the Bulletin or internet access, please try to contact them to let them know about the GSS. **Students who have been selected to speak will be contacted by July 1st, 2010.**

We are looking forward making this year's GSS successful and would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding the GSS.

Chandra Moffat

(On behalf of the Graduate Student Symposium Organizing Committee)

P.S. Abstracts for the President's Prize Competition should be submitted to the local organizing committee (not Chandra Moffat) by 1 July 2010. For details, see http://www.sfu.ca/biology/esbc/JAM/jam_announce.html