Best Student Presentation and Paper Awards

The American Fisheries Society – Fish Health Section invites students to compete for the best student presentation and poster awards at the International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health in Santiago, Chile September 4-8, 2022. Awardees may win up to $400 for best oral presentation and $200 for best poster.

To compete, students must simply state their interest in competing for the award when submitting their abstract. Students do NOT have to be members of the FHS to compete.

Oral Presentations will be judged on the following criteria:

**Introduction**: Provides broad conceptual framework and overview of previous work, and the hypothesis and/or objectives are clearly stated

**Methods**: Originality, appropriate use of methods/statistics, and effort required (short vs. long study)

**Results and Discussion**: Significance of contribution, conclusions well supported, relevance of findings to the field, placed in border context, and originality of the work

**Presentation Style and Delivery:**

- Ability to speak clearly
- Organization of presentation
- Quality of presentation: meaningful and clearly labeled graphics/images
- Quality of delivery: Minimal use of jargon, not reading slides, maintain
- eye contact with audience
- Time management: met time limits, allowed time for questions
- Effect on audience: generated engagement, excitement vs. silence

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Poster Presentations will be judged on:

**Abstract:** Quality of the summary and quality of the writing

**Introduction:** Provides broad conceptual framework and overview of previous work, and the hypothesis and/or objectives are clearly stated

**Methods:** Originality, appropriate use of methods/statistics, and effort required (short vs. long study)

**Results and Discussion:** Significance of contribution, conclusions well supported, relevance of findings to the field, placed in border context, and originality of the work

**Poster Style and Presentation:**
- Adhered to poster layout criteria
- Emphasis on images/graphic elements over text
- Visual appearance
- Organization of poster
- Quality of presentation graphics/images (meaningful, clearly labeled, etc.)
- Effect on audience: Generated much attention

Feel free to contact members of the **Awards Committee** with questions.

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