2018 IETS Call for Abstracts

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General Information: Free communication will be presented as posters, abstracts of which will be published in the January 2018 issue of *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*. The first author or a representative is **required** to present an expanded report of the data in poster format at the Annual Conference. Students may enter their abstract in a competition sponsored by the IETS Foundation and also are eligible to compete for travel awards. Details on eligibility, judging procedures, and prizes are available on the IETS website. **Students entering the student competition must be listed as first author**.

Abstract Requirements: Abstracts must be in English and prepared strictly according to the instructions for submission. The language should be concise and avoid jargon. Abbreviations must be defined and should be used sparingly. Abstracts should consist of unpublished, original data that contains objectives, experimental methods (including statistical methods), results, and conclusions. The Program Co-chairs and 2 other referees will subject each abstract to rigorous scientific review. Rejection by the Program Co-chairs is final. If withdrawal of an abstract becomes necessary, notify the Program Co-chairs by **September 7, 2017**.

Submission Restrictions: Due to space restrictions, submissions are limited. An individual may not be first author of more than 1 abstract. Space limitations allow a maximum of **3,250 keystrokes** (including characters, spaces, and punctuation). Begin count at the title and end count with the last word. Abstracts that are too long will be rejected automatically by the system. Coding for special characters is not included in the total keystroke count. If you must use boldface, italic, or sub- or superscript type anywhere in the abstract. This special coding is not counted in the 3,250 allowed keystrokes. Special characters, such as Greek letters and math symbols, are available on the electronic submission form itself. If your abstract includes a table, the keystroke limit will be **2,750** for the abstract and **500** for the table. The electronic submission form requires using the Table Wizard for preparation of tables. The printed abstract width allows for 70 keystrokes per line, including spaces; keep this in mind when formatting the table. Tables that are too wide are not printable. You must also include coding for text attributes in the table. This includes the italicization, superscripting, and subscripting of numbers and letters in the table and the footnotes.

Submission Deadlines: Abstracts must be submitted via the web site only. No fax or email copies will be accepted. The firm deadline for receipt of the abstract via the web site is **July 26, 2017, by 11:59 PM Central Daylight Savings Time**. Abstracts received after this date will be rejected.

Author Agreements: By submitting an abstract, the author verifies (1) that the information in the submitted manuscript has never been published and is the work of the named authors, who all agree to be listed as co-authors, and (2) **that the first author or a representative will present an expanded report of the data in poster form at the annual conference. Failure to present a poster after your abstract has been published in the conference proceedings can result in rejection of abstracts submitted by your laboratory in future years.** Your absence and that of your poster, have a negative impact on the quality of the poster session. Attendees are disappointed not to be able to see a presentation of the data that you summarized in the abstract. All accepted abstracts are expected to be presented at the annual conference. Authors need to be aware of patent considerations and copyright considerations before submitting an abstract for publication. The submission of abstracts by our members points to the success of our meeting!

Thank you!

2018 IETS Co-Chairs

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