

**GUIDELINES 2017 PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**Abstract Guidelines**

* Text of the abstract must be 250 words or fewer.
* Each presenter is required to submit their own registration and abstract.
* The presenter of each paper must be registered to attend the meeting.
  + If the presenter should not be listed as the first author, an email must be sent to the Program Coordinator, [program@kyscience.org](mailto:program@kyscience.org).
  + If the first author is not a student, the presentation is not eligible for the student competition.
* A proper abstract contains three components: what was done and why, what was found out (i.e., result), and what it means.
* Do not use bold.
* Italics should be used only for the scientific names of the organisms and other expressions that conventionally appear in italic type.
  + Scientific names of organisms should be in italics (not underlined).
* Spell out generic names the first time they are used and include the name of the describer; afterwards names should be abbreviated to first letter of the genus (plus a period) followed by a specific epithet unless confusion may result with another abbreviated generic name in the abstract, e.g., *Daphnia pulex* (De Geer) then *D. pulex* thereafter.
* Use standard, well-known abbreviations when the use of abbreviations is necessary.
  + When using abbreviations for chemical compounds, spell out the name in full at the first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parentheses, then use the abbreviation thereafter.
  + Do not abbreviate chemical compounds in the title of the abstracts.
* Students are permitted to enter multiple abstracts, however only one abstract may be judged for competition.

The following is an example of a portion of a proper abstract as it will appear in the program:

BOTANY

Taxonomic status of the varieties of Seneca snakeroot, *Polygala senega* L. (Polygalaceae). AMY E. TRAUTH\* and ROBERT F.C. NACZI, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41099.

Seneca snakeroot, *Polygala senega* L. (Polygalaceae), is an uncommon plant ranging throughout most of eastern North America. Two varieties have been described for the species: variety *senega* and variety *latifolia* Torrey and Gray*.* The taxonomic ........

**Oral Presentations**

* All presentations should be compatible with the current version of PowerPoint for Windows and brought on a USB drive as the computers will not have a CD drive.
* Be prepared to load your presentation 15 minutes before your session on the computer in your presentation room.

**Poster Presentations**

* Each presenter will be provided with an easel or a table and a 3x4 ft. poster board identified with a number that matches the presenter’s number in the program booklet.
* This year the poster presentations will be set up for viewing on Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon.
* Judging will be Friday evening for all sections.

**KAS Plagiarism Policy**

Participating authors are expected to follow the basic principles of plagiarism as they apply to scientific writing. **Plagiarism in science includes, but is not limited to:**

* Failing to paraphrase (not using your own words)
* Changing the order of the words or only a few words in a copied sentence
* Quoting extensively, even when quotation marks are used
* Failing to cite the source of information that is not common knowledge to your peers
* Using ideas first proposed by others without acknowledging the source of the idea
* Using images, figures, graphs, maps, or other visual elements without citing the source
* Reusing past assignments from classes without the instructor’s permission
* Using information, ideas, or wording provided by another student
* Failing to provide an accurate list of references
* Presenting the work of others as your own.