

Members of the Georgia Academy of Science,

This is the **FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS** for the 2020 Georgia Academy of Sciences meeting to be held at Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA on March 27-28, 2020.

The meeting will begin in the afternoon on Friday, March 27 and continue through the luncheon and the business meeting on Saturday. The abstract submission form (a Microsoft Excel document) that includes abstract submission guidelines and the contact information of presenters will be available soon. It can be downloaded from the Georgia Academy Website: <http://www.gaacademy.org/annualmeeting.html>.

The maximum size of the abstract is limited to 300 words within the box of the Excel file submission form. The completed Abstract Submission form, including the presenter information etc., should be sent via an email attachment to the appropriate Section Chair. Section Chair contact information is available at <http://www.gaacademy.org/sectionofficers.html>.

**The ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE is Friday, December 6, 2019.** For research that will not be completed by this date, abstracts of research in progress will be acceptable.

Section Chairs should forward this email to appropriate individuals who are not members of the Academy but are supervising students conducting undergraduate and graduate research. Individuals that are not currently members of GAS must become a member to present at the meeting. Faculty are encouraged to present at the meeting, but priority will be given to students if time slots are limiting. Presentations can eventually be converted to manuscripts that can be submitted to the *Georgia Journal of Science* for publication consideration. This is a great opportunity to establish or enhance a publication record for both students and faculty.

Student presenters interested in obtaining a student travel award can download an application from <http://www.gaacademy.org/annualmeeting.html>. Completed forms should be sent to the appropriate Section Chair who will forward them to the Travel Award committee chair.

Section Chairs will acknowledge receipt of abstract submissions by contacting the **sender(s)** of abstracts via e-mail. Individuals who submit abstracts will be notified by **Friday, February 7, 2020** by the Section Chair if their abstract has been accepted. Submitters may also be contacted during the editing process which will occur in December 2019 so they should check e-mail frequently during that time.

Registration information, including fees and early registration deadlines, are still pending, but that information will soon be available. Registration information and on-line registration will be available at <http://www.gaacademy.org/annualmeeting.html>.

Section Chairs should **request volunteers from their sections to serve as judges** of undergraduate and graduate student papers and posters at the meeting.

Individuals interested in **refereeing submitted abstracts** should contact their Section Chair by email and include their area of expertise. Those interested in serving as referees should

familiarize themselves with the abstract criteria and the submission form on the Georgia Academy website.

Abstracts received by December 6, 2019 will be submitted to referees who will review them and make minor corrections if necessary. If major changes are required, referees will send requests to Section Chairs who will pass them on to the submitters for action. Revised abstracts will be returned to Section Chairs so they can be forwarded to the Technical Program Chair in the first week of January 2020.

Please contact your Section Chair if you have additional questions.

I hope to see you in Valdosta next March.

Best regards,

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