



2017 National Conference - October 8-12, 2017

Wilmington, North Carolina

ESP in NC – Nothing Could be Finer!

Conference Objectives

- Provide opportunities for ALL Extension professionals to make scholarly presentations as well as to participate in personal and professional development
- Encourage and promote interdisciplinary programming and diversity of Extension programs
- Recognize members for excellence in programming
- Provide opportunities for ESP members to present programs of interest to retirees/life members

Request for Abstracts

The ESP Professional Development Committee is seeking proposals for Concurrent, Poster and Lightning Presentations that reflect the best thinking in Extension informed by research theory or practice. ESP members are invited to submit. The committee invites proposals that:

- Apply to a broad cross section of conference attendees
- Are learner-focused with clearly defined outcomes
- Are based upon a foundation of research, theory or practical application
- Showcase a collaboration and team effort in planning and delivery of project
- Reflect innovation and cutting edge content
- Stimulate and provoke audience engagement and adoption of new practices

Proposals will be submitted via the ESP website, <http://espnational.org>. Proposals require a 300-word abstract and a 50-word summary. Abstracts will undergo a blind review process to select those to be presented at the conference. Scoring criteria details can be found on the ESP website.

Deadline for online submission of abstracts is March 20, 2017. Authors will be notified of their selection by May 2017.

Concurrent Session Presentations

- Concurrent Presentations will each be 60 minutes in length. Presenters should include at least 10 minutes for questions and discussion within this time.
- A Concurrent Session Presentation may be a presentation, panel discussion, round table discussion, hands-on demonstration or any other appropriate methodology.
- Presentation and materials must be submitted to the ESP National Office for posting on the website.
- One stipend will be given to the lead presenter of a Concurrent Presentation if that presenter fulfills all requirements to receive a stipend. See "Stipends for Current ESP Members" below.
- Please indicate whether the proposal could be a Lightning Presentation or Poster Presentation if not accepted for a Concurrent Session Presentation.

Lightning Presentations

- Each presentation will be five minutes long. Presenters should cover a specific topic and may use visuals (PowerPoint slides, etc.).
- Each presentation will have up to three additional minutes for questions and answers.

- Presentation must be submitted to the ESP National Office for posting on the website.
- One stipend will be given to the presenter of Lightning Presentation if that presenter fulfills all requirements to receive a stipend. See “Stipends for Current ESP Members” below.
- Please indicate whether the proposal could be a Poster Presentation if not accepted for a Lightning Presentation.

Poster Presentations

- Maximum poster size is 36”x48”. Posters that are not self-supporting will be displayed on table-top easels, provided by the host state. Poster board to mount the poster will be provided by the host state, *if requested prior to the conference*. Half of a 6’x30” skirted table will be available to poster presenters, *if requested prior to the conference*. Please indicate display needs on proposal.
- All posters selected to be exhibited during the National ESP Conference will undergo an additional review by a subcommittee of the ESP Professional Development Committee. Based on judging scores, up to 10 exhibited posters will be selected to receive an additional \$100 stipend.
- During this review, posters will be judged upon: Adherence to Poster Guidelines, Educational Value, Display Design, and Relevancy to Audience. (You will have a link to scoring criteria in the Request for Abstracts section)
- Poster presenters will be expected to be present during a specified time to discuss their posters.

Additional Presenter Guidelines and Information

All Concurrent, Poster and Lightning presentation authors/presenters are responsible for:

- Personal expenses including registration for the **entire** conference, travel, lodging, equipment rental and handouts
- Making their presentation during their assigned time slot
- Being available for consultation with participants immediately following their presentation

All presenters **MUST** register for the conference and are expected to attend the **entire** conference. Proposal abstracts must include only those presenters who are committed to attend the conference.

A person may be the lead presenter on only one proposal submission. A person may be included as a co-presenter on one additional proposal submission.

Stipends for Current ESP Members

Selected presenters who are current ESP members and participate in the entire National Conference may qualify for a stipend: Concurrent Session Presentation \$250, Lightning Presentation \$100, Poster Presentation \$100 (up to 10 additional \$100 stipends awarded to top-scoring posters). Other stipends are provided for: official National Committee Members \$200 (must attend and sign-in for your regional meeting and committee meetings during the conference), and Council Delegates \$200 (must be registered as a delegate, attend the regional meeting and check-in and attend as a voting delegate for your state at the National Council meeting). A member is eligible to receive only one stipend. The stipend with the highest value will be awarded.

Visit the ESP website to submit a proposal between January 1, 2107 and March 20, 2017.

[Submit a Concurrent Session Proposal](#)

[Submit an Ignite Session Proposal](#)

[Submit a Poster Session Proposal](#)