**Instructions for Preparing Abstracts**

Submission Deadline is June 30, 2018

1. Abstracts should be submitted in English and follow the guidelines outlined below.
2. Abstracts should be approved by all authors before submission.
3. All abstract submissions should list all authors, designate a person to be the presenter of the abstract, and designate a person to be the primary contact.
4. Preferred format: POSTER or ORAL. Please note that the number of slots for oral presentations is limited. Those selecting ORAL may be asked to present in poster format. The Program Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on presentation format.
5. Category — Categories are used by the Program Committee to organize the posters and technical sessions. Please check the box in the system which best describes the category for which the abstract is suitable. Categories include: 1) food and health; 2) food safety; 3) sensory and consumer science; 4) food technology and sustainability.

**ABSTRACT FORMAT**

Abstract — The abstract is limited to a maximum of 300 words.

Original research abstracts should be written in the following style. Do not include tables or figures or reference citations in the Abstract.

**Introduction:** Provide background, statement of problem, or basis of the study.

**Purpose:** State the purpose or objectives of the research.

**Methods:** The methods should be specific enough that researchers in the same or similar field would understand the basic experimental design or approach. Inclusion of specific details on the numbers of samples, treatment levels, etc. is required.

**Results:** Report the specific results obtained in the study.

**Significance:** State the significance of the findings (1–2 sentences).

**Instructions for Entering the Graduate Student Competition**

Submission deadline is June 30, 2018

**Requirements:**

1. Graduate students currently registered at an academic institution are eligible.
2. The student entering the competition must be the first author and should not have graduated earlier than October 1, 2018.
3. Students entering the competition must submit abstracts no later than June 30, 2018
4. The abstract must be accepted for either a poster or oral presentation at the 12th International Conference of Food Science and Technology.

**Submission Process**

All entries must be submitted online via <https://goo.gl/forms/ZQkiDlYiEiNkMdlg2> (or by filling out the Word document) by **June 30, 2018**.

**Reviewing Criteria and Judging Process**

There will be two phases to the judging. In the first phase, the selection committee will review all abstract submissions and score each entry on the following criteria:

1. Originality – How is the work different than what has been done before (10 points)
2. Technical Quality – Strength of the experimental design, results and interpretation (15 points)
3. Significance – How important the work is to advancing the field, in terms of advancing new knowledge and commercial potential (10 points)
4. Presentation - Overall quality of the abstract, including clarity and completeness (5 points)

Based on the above criteria, finalists will be selected for on-site judging. The committee chair will respond to all candidates by July 31, 2018.

In the second phase, the finalists will present their oral talk or poster at the 12th ICFST. Final selections will be made by a joint panel of faculty from UC Davis and Jiangnan University. In addition to the criteria above, finalists will be evaluated for their presentations. This evaluation will assess the quality of the poster or oral presentation, including layout, clarity, and completeness.

**Awards**

In each category cash awards will be presented, one first place award, two second place awards, and three third place awards.

All finalists will receive a certificate of achievement and will be recognized during the 12th ICFST.