



2020 Therio Conference and Equine Symposium Preview

The 2020 Therio Conference will be held at the historic Station Square at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 22 –25. Pittsburgh is known as the city of steel, city of bridges, and the city of champions. When visiting this unique city, you are warmly greeted from the locals and instantly become a part of the community. Join us to view the breathtaking skyline, enjoy trendy shops and eateries, venture in the outdoors, and explore Pittsburgh's 90 charming and distinctive neighborhoods. The 2020 Therio Conference will focus on the equine program, along with production animal and small animal tracks.

The conference will begin Wednesday with a limited number of veterinarians being given the opportunity to participate in the equine symposium. The Opening Session Abstracts will be presented Wednesday evening followed by the Opening Session Abstract Reception.

Thursday morning begins at 7:30 am with the presentations of the Bartlett Award and address and the Theriogenologist of the Year Award and address. The Dr. Jerry Rains Memorial Abstract Competition and Student Case Presentations will follow along with the Society for Theriogenology and American College of Theriogenologists Business Meetings. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in an equine seminar and lab.

The Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall will be Thursday evening with the opportunity to visit with our vendors, relax with a cocktail, and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres. The Theriogenology Foundation Silent Auction will open for browsing and bidding during the reception. The annual Merck Student Quiz Bowl will also be held this evening.

Friday morning will begin with the plenary session and feature a presentation on new technologies being applied to reproduction, including CRISPR-mediated gene

editing by Dr. Katrin Hinrichs and the latest on stem cell therapy, including applications to the reproductive system presented by Dr. Ashlee Watts. Abstract presentations will follow the opening session along with tracks in small animal, production animal and equine. Friday evening will feature the Awards Dinner Reception, followed by the annual Awards Dinner, Veterinary Story Night and Live Auction. During the Veterinary Story Night, attendees will be entertained with a story which will be paired with a unique item available for the live auction. Attendees will also get to participate in the "text-to donate" event to vote for their favorite storyteller. All proceeds will benefit the Theriogenology Foundation.

Saturday will begin with a presentation by current ACT Diplomates for those interested in learning more about becoming a certified veterinarian in theriogenology and a roundtable discussion with "Careers in Theriogenology". A full day of CE will also be offered Saturday with tracks in small animal, production animal and equine. The Conference will end with a group outing to be announced soon for Saturday evening.

Group rates are available at the conference hotel until June 18, 2020 or the room block is sold out. Reservations can be made through the link on the conference website or by contacting the hotel and asking for the Society for Theriogenology group rate.

We hope that you will make plans to join us in the enticing city of Pittsburgh. More information will follow in the near future regarding a full agenda, symposium details, and conference registration. Please visit www.therio.org for additional conference information and or www.VisitPITTSBURGH.com for things to do during your stay.



2019 Therio Conference Recap

The charming city of Savannah provided the location for the 2019 Annual Therio Conference. We had excellence attendance this year, with 489 total attendees for the conference plus 115 attendees for the symposium and student lab. The Conference was held July 24-27 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. The week began with the much anticipated ACT Exam and concluded with colleagues taking a private trolley ride with a tour of the haunted history of Savannah.



The Small Animal Symposium kicked off the meeting Wednesday with “A crash course in veterinary microbiomics” by Dr. Candace Lyman, followed by her presentation in “Vaginal microbiome: what not to do”. Dr. Christopher Premanandan captured the audience with presentations on “Monitoring reproductive biome health using cytology and histopathology” and

“Canine placentation - Normal gross and histologic structure as well as confounding features during evaluation”. The Small Animal Symposium sponsor, IDEXX, held a lunch presentation with Dr. Elizabeth Schooley on “The art of measuring progesterone:



*First Place Quiz Bowl Winners
Auburn University*



*Second Place Quiz Bowl Winners
Texas A&M University*

understanding immunoassays”. Dr. Jenny Sones discussed “Canine placental microbiome” and Dr. Michelle Kutzler closed out the symposium with presentations on “Reproductive

microbiome alterations: clinical management of pyometra” and “Reproductive microbiome alterations: clinical management of prostatitis”.

The Student Small Animal Seminar and Lab, sponsored by Sonosite-A Fujifilm Company, was held on Thursday with presentations by theriogenology residents, Drs. Luis de Aguiar and Viviane Gomes. They also led the morning lab on reproductive ultrasonography along with Drs. Michelle Kutzler



and Jenny Sones. A roundtable lunch was held to discuss the future of companion animal theriogenology. The students ended the day with a lab focusing on progesterone, relaxin, and Brucella canis assays.

Thursday morning began by honoring Dr. Rob Lofstedt with the Theriogenologist of the Year Award, sponsored by Universal Imaging, Inc. and the David E.



*David E. Bartlett Award Recipient
Dr. Ahmed Tibary*

Bartlett Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theriogenology honoring Dr. Ahmed Tibary. Eight presenters competed in the Dr. Jerry Rains Memorial Abstract Competition, sponsored by Merck Animal Health. The SFT and ACT Business Meetings were held in the afternoon. During the ACT Business Meeting, the new Diplomates were introduced following the successful completion of this year's ACT Exam. The Student Case Presentations and Student/Mentor Reception were also held that afternoon. The Exhibit Hall Opening Reception was held Thursday evening in conjunction with the Student Quiz Bowl, sponsored by Merck Animal Health. The students at Auburn University came in first place as the quiz bowl winners with Texas A&M coming in second place.

Plenary sessions, sponsored by the American College of Theriogenologists, featured "A primer to genome editing" by Dr.



*Theriogenologist of the Year
Dr. Rob Lofstedt*

Claudia Klein and "Metabolic and environmental effects on embryo epigenome" by Dr. Pablo Ross. Case reports, mixed species, production animal, and equine abstract presentations were held in the morning followed by small animal, production animal, and equine tracks in the afternoon.



*SCOTY Award Winner
Auburn University*

The Awards Dinner Reception was held in the Grand Ballroom Pre-Function, followed by the Awards Dinner and Inaugural Veterinary Story Night and Live Auction, sponsored by Merck Animal Health. Ron McDaniel from Merck Animal Health kept guests entertained as usual during the captivating stories that were paired with unique auction items. The Inaugural Storyteller of the Year Award went to Dr. Carol McLeod by audience voting in the text-to-donate fundraiser. Dr.



*Storyteller of the Year Award
Dr. Carol McLeod*

Bob Youngquist was presented the TF Career Excellence in Theriogenology Award. Dr. Jimmy Alexander recognized the Student Case Presentation winners: Breanthy Baker, Texas A&M University (first place); Katelyn Kimble, Texas A&M University (second place); Colleen Kutzler, University of Minnesota (third place); Nichole Whitfill, Auburn University (fourth place); Lindsay Hilburger, Cornell University (fifth place); and Gabrielle Montone, Auburn University (sixth place). Winners of the Tee Shirt Design Contest were Auburn University (first place) and Texas A&M University (second place). Dr. Candace Lyman presented the award for Student Chapter of the Year to Auburn University. Lincoln Memorial University came in second place for the SCOTY Award.

Dr. Juan Romano, abstract committee chair for 2019, presented the Dr. Jerry Rains





Congratulations 2019 ACT Diplomates!

(L to R): Sicilia Grady-Newark, Delaware; Mary Ontiveros-Matamata, New Zealand; Mohammad Ibrahim-Athens, Georgia; Elena Martinez de Andino-College Station, Texas; Babiche Alida Heil-Scone, NSW, Australia; Julia Baldrighi-Stillwater, Oklahoma; Pouya Dini-Lexington, Kentucky; and Anna Mitchell-Ithaca, New York

Memorial Abstract Competition Awards, sponsored by Merck Animal Health. This year's winners were: Dr. Carleigh Fedorka, Lexington, Kentucky (first place); Mackenzie Roberts, Corvallis, Oregon (second place); Dr. Chun Kuen Mak, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (third place); and Dr. Zachary Turner, Athens, Georgia (fourth place).

Dr. Robyn Wilborn, 2019 SFT President, announced Dr. Pete Sheerin as the Dr. John Steiner Award for Excellence in Practice



Abstract Winners

(L to R): Dr. Zachary Turner (fourth place), Dr. Chun Kuen Mak (third place), Mackenzie Roberts (second place) and Dr. Carleigh Fedorka (first place)

recipient. Dr. Sheerin has exemplified standards of excellence in his leadership and promotion of theriogenology.

The Theriogenology Foundation raised a total of \$69,879.45. This year's live auction generated \$32,578.00 in addition to \$25,000.00 in sponsorships for the evening's storytellers and \$4,416.45 for the text-to-donate voting for the stories. The silent auction, craft beer tasting tickets, and quiz bowl audience participation raised \$7885.00 for the Foundation.

The final day of the conference began with a roundtable discussion focusing on "Careers in Theriogenology" led by Drs. Isaac Bott, Jill Colloton, Richard Hopper, and Paul Mennick. Those interested in becoming a certified theriogenologist attended the session "So you want to become a Diplomat?" hosted by members of the ACT.

The small animal track, production animal track, sponsored by Lane Manufacturing, Inc., and equine track, sponsored by Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and Veterinary Pharmacy, all presented a full day of innovative CE sessions.

While some headed home after Saturday's sessions, many stayed to tour the historical city of Savannah or embark on the Therio Group Outing. Two trolleys transported attendees on a



Student Case Presentation Winners

(L to R): Colleen Kutzler-University of Minnesota (third place), Lindsay Hilburger-Cornell University (fifth place), Nichole Whitfill-Auburn University (fourth place), Breanthy Baker-Texas A&M University (first place), Gabrielle Montone-Auburn University (sixth place), and Katelyn Kimble-Texas A&M University (second place)

private tour through the haunted history of Savannah. The 2019 Annual Therio Conference in Savannah held fun for all and included great networking with colleagues, sight-seeing, and outdoor adventures.

Make plans to join us for the 2020 Therio Conference on July 22-25 in the spectacular city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. John Steiner Award for Practitioner Excellence



Dr. Pete Sheerin

Dr. Sheerin was born and raised in New York City. His first experience with horses was soon after his family moved to Lagrangeville, a small-town north of the city. He began working on a Thoroughbred breeding farm where he gained experience in all aspects of the Thoroughbred industry. During high school, he also competed on the varsity crew team, and his love of rowing took him

to Syracuse University where he majored in biology.

Following graduation, Dr. Sheerin moved to Florida to manage a small Thoroughbred breeding farm in Ocala. Several years later, he began graduate research in equine reproductive physiology at the University of Florida under mentor Dr. Dan Sharp, while managing the endocrinology lab at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Sheerin then entered the veterinary school, where he expanded his interest in theriogenology,

particularly large animal theriogenology. After graduating from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994, Dr. Sheerin joined a mixed practice in Live Oak, Florida prior to moving to New Freedom, Pennsylvania to join Nandi Veterinary Associates. Dr. John Hurtgen's knowledge and teaching encouraged Dr. Sheerin to return to the University of Florida for a theriogenology residency. Dr. Sheerin became board certified in 2001, and upon completion of his residency, Dr. Sheerin and his family returned to New Freedom. The following year, the Sheerins moved to Lexington, Kentucky to join Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, where Dr. Sheerin joined one of his veterinary school mentors, Dr. Michelle LeBlanc, as a staff theriogenologist. The Sheerins returned to Nandi in 2011 to continue Dr. Hurtgen's legacy.

He is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Society for Theriogenology where he served as 2016-2017 president. Dr. Sheerin has lectured both nationally and internationally on reproductive aspects of the mare and stallion.

Dr. Sheerin and his wife Barbara have three daughters. Pete and Barb compete in combined driving with a homebred pony.

Career Excellence in Theriogenology Award



Dr. Bob Youngquist

On July 26 at the Annual Therio Conference in Savannah, Georgia, The Theriogenology Foundation was proud to honor Robert S. Youngquist, DVM, DACT with the Career Excellence in Theriogenology Award for his contributions to the field of reproductive veterinary medicine.

Dr. Youngquist has made major and significant contributions to the field of theriogenology in research, teaching and service activities during his career at the University of Missouri. He was the editor of *Current Therapy in Large Animal Theriogenology* published in 1997 by W.B. Saunders and has also served on the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Veterinary Research* and *Theriogenology*. Dr. Youngquist also served as the founding editor and editor for the past ten years of the *Clinical Theriogenology Journal*.

Youngquist received his DVM in 1971 from Iowa State University and earned the status of Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists in 1976. Since earning his Diplomate status, he has been heavily involved with ACT having served on the examination committee, and as the College's secretary (1980-1983) and president (1984-1985). He received the award for Theriogenologist of the Year in 2001. In addition, Dr. Youngquist has been active in the Society for Theriogenology and was recognized in 2001 as the recipient of the Dr. David E. Bartlett Award.

His interests include all domestic species, but his research has focused on normal and abnormal ovarian function in cattle. Youngquist had a keen interest in working with students and has served as chairperson and on the committee for numerous master's students. He has twice received the "Norden Award for Distinguished Teaching in Veterinary Medicine" and in 1996 received the "Dean's Impact Award".

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Someone Who Would Make a Great Director of the SFT Board?

In accordance with policy, the Society of Theriogenology requests your suggestions for the Board of Directors. Names received from the general membership will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Directors serve a term of three years, beginning at the annual Therio Conference.

If you would like to suggest an active Society member for service as a director on the Board, please submit the following information to the executive office no later than March 2, 2020. Please ensure the individual's willingness to serve on the Board (if elected) prior to submission. Please direct any questions to Dr. Isaac Bott, Chair of the Nominating Committee at bottisaac@yahoo.com.

When suggestions are submitted we will need the following contact information on both the person submitting the suggestion and also the suggested individual's: name, address, phone, email, and practice type.

Mail, email, or fax information to:

Charles F. Franz, DVM

Executive Director

Society for Theriogenology

761 Tiger Oak Drive

Pike Road, AL 36064

Fax: 334-270-3399

Email: Charles@franzmgt.com

You may submit nominations online at <http://therio.org/BoardNominationForm>

You must be logged in to the SFT website to access the Board Nomination Form located under Board and Officers.



Thank you to all of the individuals, companies, and organizations that supported the
Theriogenology Foundation by donating to the
2019 Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Story Night!

Dr. Morgan Agnew	Dr. Dale Paccamonti
Dr. Jane Barber	Dr. Willis Parker
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A huge thank you to all the following individuals for all their efforts in planning the 2019 Therio Conference.

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Dr. Colin Palmer

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Dr. Sara Lyle

Small Animal Track Program Chair
Drs. Michelle Kutzler and Jenny Sones

Production Animal Track Program Chair
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Drs. Jim Floyd and Will Schultz

Small Animal Symposium Chairs
Drs. Michelle Kutzler and Jenny Sones

Student Small Animal Seminar and Lab Chairs
Drs. Michelle Kutzler and Jenny Sones

2019 Funds Raised

Live Auction	\$32,578.00
Silent Auction	\$5,585.00
Beer Tasting	\$2,040.00
Quiz Bowl audience participation	\$260.00
Sponsorship of Stories	\$25,000.00
Text-to-donate voting for stories	\$4,416.45
Total:	\$69,879.45



Theriogenology Foundation 2019 in Review

Research Grants

The Theriogenology Foundation offers research grants up to \$5,000 for proposals that focus on all aspects of theriogenology including (infertility, endocrinology, neonatology, obstetrics, etc.). In exceptional circumstances, grants up to \$10,000 may be considered. Active Diplomates, Honorary Members of the American College of Theriogenologists, veterinarians who are Society for Theriogenology members in private practice, industry or on faculty, or residents enrolled in ACT approved residency programs (including the alternate route) and have a minimum of one year remaining in their training program are eligible to apply for these grants.

- Two research grants were awarded in 2019: Dr. Alvaro Garcia Guerra, The Ohio State University "Effect of anogenital distance on age at onset of puberty in beef heifers"; and Dr. Jamie L. Stewart, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, "Efficacy of deslorelin acetate on induction of ovulation in does".

The Working Dog Project

The goal of the Working Dog Project is to identify genetic explanations for why some dogs succeed in working dog programs while others do not, and to help better target individual dogs to different programs, such as assistance versus law enforcement work. This new project is based at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is generously funded by the Theriogenology Foundation and AKC Reunite.

ACT Student Outreach

The ACT seeks to promote awareness of the College and to encourage veterinary students to aspire to Diplomate status after graduation. The purpose of this fund is to facilitate travel and related expenses for non-local ACT Diplomates invited by student groups to visit and teach at veterinary schools. ACT/TF hopes that these visits will stimulate student enthusiasm and interest in the College by broadening students' awareness of the many opportunities open to our Diplomates. This opportunity is open to all student groups. It is not required that the school has an active Student Chapter of the SFT. One grant totaling \$1,000 was awarded in 2019.

Travel Grants

In 2019 the TF also awarded \$ 3,275 in Student Travel Grants to assist veterinary students who were travelling to attend the Therio Conference in Savannah, GA. These students were presenting abstracts, posters, student case presentations or taking part as a quiz bowl team member at the conference.

AKC, AKC-CHF, TF Residency Travel Grants

All of the residencies are made possible by generous grants from the American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Each resident was awarded \$750 towards their travel to the annual Therio Conference.

Student Externship Grants

Student Externship Grants are grants intended to support experiential educational advancement of students interested in theriogenology. One student externship grant totaling \$1,000 has been awarded.

Student Chapter Grants

The TF receives and considers requests for funding of student chapter grants intended to provide educational advancement of students interested in theriogenology. Furthermore, primary consideration is given to funding requests which provide an educational experience in theriogenology that is beyond the scope of the basic curriculum. The TF may consider all or partial funding of a request based on the annual budget and the merit of the educational experience to students. Funding to cover a speaker's travel expense is also available. Two student chapter grants have been awarded totaling \$995.

Zemjanis Outreach Fund

This grant is intended to aid veterinarians traveling from developing countries to the United States for educational purposes or for sending a trainer to a developing country to conduct training on-site.

2019 TF Grants Awarded as of 10/25/19

Student Travel	10 grants	\$3,275
Student Externship	1 grant	\$1,000
Research-Bovine	2 grants	\$10,953
AKC, AKC-CHF, TF Travel	3 grants	\$2,250
ACT Student Outreach	1 grant	\$1,000
Student Chapter	2 grants	\$995

2020 Bartlett Award Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being sought for the 2020 David E. Bartlett Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theriogenology, presented annually to a distinguished individual who has made important contributions to the field of theriogenology.

The award - intended to cement the efforts of the Society, College, and Foundation toward common goals in animal reproduction, to reward and inspire excellence, improve the visibility of theriogenology, and to annually recognize the efforts of the founders - particularly honors Dr. David E. Bartlett, first president of the College. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Bartlett was responsible for deriving the terms "theriogenology" and "theriogenologists," and was instrumental in gaining hard-won AVMA recognition for the American College of Theriogenologists in 1971.

The 2020 David E. Bartlett Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theriogenology will be presented during the annual Therio Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The recipient will be notified in advance, allowing family and friends to be on hand. The honoree will address those in attendance and will have the option of submitting a contribution to the conference proceedings. The honoree will receive \$1,000 cash, an engraved statue of Nandi, and complimentary registration, hotel accommodations and transportation to the 2020 conference.

Please submit the accompanying Preliminary Entry Form and nominate an individual to add to the list of preeminent recipients. Entry forms must be received no later than January 4, 2020.

Nominations may also be made online at <http://www.therio.org/BartlettAwardForm>. You must be signed in as a SFT member to access the form. It is located under the 2020 Therio Conference and also under the Bartlett Award recipient list on the SFT website.

2020 Dr. David E. Bartlett Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theriogenology

Preliminary Entry Form

Sponsored by the Theriogenology Foundation

In cooperation with the Society for Theriogenology & American College of Theriogenologists

Purpose: To reward a distinguished theriogenologist who has made important contributions to the field of theriogenology.

Nominee: _____

Full Address: _____

Current Employment and Position: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Provide a short description of nominee's qualifications for this award. Use a separate sheet of paper containing a maximum 350 word narrative bio, highlighting nominee's key accomplishments.

Nominated by: _____

Full Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Nominations MUST be received by January 4, 2020

Submit online at: <http://www.therio.org/BartlettAwardForm> or mail to:

Theriogenology Foundation, Bartlett Award

761 Tiger Oak Drive

Pike Road, AL 36064-3063

Call for ACT Nominations to Board

The Nominating Committee of the ACT and the Executive Board are calling for nominations for the following positions:

1. Vice President – This is a four-year term beginning with the position of vice president, moving to president elect, president and then immediate past president.
2. Treasurer - Three-year term
3. Executive Board member – Director three-year term

Active Diplomates may be considered for any of these positions. Travel is required to board meetings in January and one held during the summer convention. Travel costs for the January board meeting are reimbursed by the College. Please forward nominations to Dr. Richard Hopper no later than February 15, 2020. Biographical sketches and information along with ballots will be included in the Spring ACT newsletter. The following information should be included with submissions for nominations:

1. Name, school, year of graduation and position running for,
2. Year achieving Diplomate status and route (residency vs practitioner),
3. Species emphasis and main focus of work,
4. Qualifications specific for the post you are seeking-include education, personal experience, vision etc.

Please restrict the above comments to 350 words or less. Send Submission by February 15, 2020 to:

Dr. Richard Hopper
AU-CVM Clinical Sciences
Vaughn Teaching Hospital
1500 Wire Road
Auburn, AL 36849-5540

Email: rmh0067@auburn.edu

2020 Annual SFT Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again! Make sure you do not miss out on any of the great benefits that the Society has to offer:

- Hospital listing by species and procedures for search on web site - business tool for referrals
- Reduced registration fees for the annual Therio Conference
- Access to the Members-only area of the Society website, including past proceedings and newsletters
- Easy access to proceedings of the Society's annual Therio Conference online
- Free webinars
- Clinical Theriogenology; the official quarterly publication of the Society for Theriogenology
- Access to SFT-SA & SFT-LA, small animal and large animal listservs for case discussion with specialists
- Networking among fellow veterinarians with varied discipline interests
- Resource information on web site

For your convenience you can renew your dues at the SFT web site, www.therio.org

Important Dates

ACT exam applications due.....	December 1
Call for abstracts due	February 1
TF Research Grant pre-proposals due....	February 15
Call for ACT Board Nominations due...	February 15
Call for Student Case Presentations and Student Research Presentations due.....	March 10
SFT Board Nominations due.....	March 21
ACT Exam fees dues.....	April 15
TF Research Grant full proposals due.....	April 15
Student Travel Grants applications due.....	June 1
Student Quiz Bowl applications due.....	June 1
Student SCOTY applications due.....	June 1
TF Research Grant final decisions.....	June 30

Call for Student Case Presentations-2020

Annual Therio Conference Student Case Presentations

Call for Student Case Presentations also available at www.therio.org

Attention to all SFT student members!

The SFT Program Committee is pleased to announce the call for submission of student theriogenology case presentations at the Annual Therio Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The competition will be held during the Annual Conference, July 22-25, 2020.

The purpose of this competition is to promote student interest in SFT, to encourage investigative and communication skills and allow students greater participation in our annual meeting. All SFT student members, defined as those SFT student members in the professional degree curriculum leading to a DVM, VMD or other equivalent degree, are qualified to enter the competition.

The student theriogenology case presentations will give the SFT membership a look at future leaders and participants of the SFT. Six presentations will be selected to be presented orally. You be notified no later than April 15, 2020 whether your presentation has been selected for presentation. Further instructions will follow notification. Each presentation will be 10 minutes in length. Time has been allotted for questions after each presentation. Those not selected for oral presentation may be selected for a poster presentation. A panel of academicians and private practitioners will review manuscripts. Students will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements and accommodations. Conference hotel information will be available on the SFT website.

A copy of the guidelines and submission instructions can be obtained from the SFT website, your SFT faculty liaison, or Dr. Alexander. Please refer to the “**Guidelines for Application Submission**” for preparation of your manuscript.

Abstracts must be submitted by **March 10, 2020**. Please submit them in Microsoft Word format to Tara Beasley at the Society office, therioconference@franzmgt.com, with a copy to your advisor. Include the words “**Student Case Presentation**” in subject line. An acknowledgement of your submission should be received within 24 hours. If you do not receive acknowledgement, please contact the office at 334-395-4666.

Please be aware that this is a competition. The contestants will be judged on both the quality of their investigation and the quality of the presentation. Therefore, you must attend the meeting in Pittsburgh to be eligible for the awards. The SFT will award six cash prizes:

First place	\$ 650	Fourth Place	\$ 375
Second place	\$ 525	Fifth Place	\$ 300
Third place	\$ 450	Sixth Place	\$ 200

More than one student may be involved with the presentation of a case or research project, however only one prize will be awarded per presentation. All students (presentations) who are accepted to present abstracts may be awarded a travel stipend. *Grant information is available on the Theriogenology Foundation website, www.theriofoundation.org.* Travel grants must be applied for via the website.

Please contact your SFT faculty liaison for more information and for assistance in preparing your manuscript. You may also contact Dr. James H. Alexander at: jalexanderdvm@gmail.com. We hope you will participate in this event.

Sincerely,
James H. Alexander, DVM

Guidelines for Application Submission

Society for Theriogenology Student Case Presentation Competition Annual Therio Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 22-25, 2020

All applicants ***must*** be student members of The Society for Theriogenology. This includes student members graduating in 2020.

An Abstract of the Student Case Report must be received by **March 10, 2020**. Please include the following with your submission:

1. Name, home address and school address
2. Veterinary school; year of graduation
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Name, title, address, email address and phone number of the faculty member working with you.
6. Abstract of your case (300 words or less in the body of the abstract).
 - a) **Title and authors**
 - b) **The importance of the case to Theriogenology**
 - c) **A discussion of the diagnostic approach and treatment options considered.**
 - d) **Results/discussion**
 - e) **References**
7. Normal style, 12-point Times New Roman font, single spacing, 1" margins
8. Presentations must be submitted in Microsoft Word format to Tara Beasley at the SFT office at therioconference@franzmgt.com. Please copy your submission email to your advisor. You will receive an email acknowledgement of your submission within 24 hours (during business hours). If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please call the office at 334-395-4666.

We will not need any photos, graphs, or diagrams at this time. Prior to the conference you will be required to submit a copy of your Power Point Presentation to the SFT office to the attention of Tara Beasley at the Society office, therioconference@franzmgt.com, no later than June 25, 2020. You will also be required to bring a copy with you to the conference. You will be allowed to update your presentation after June 25, up until 4 hours before your presentation.

Questions can be submitted to:

James H. Alexander, DVM at jalexanderdvm@gmail.com

New SFT Officers Installed for 2019-2020

New SFT Officers were installed on Thursday, July 25 at the SFT Business Meeting. Officers installed: Dr. Colin Palmer, Saskatoon, SK, Canada, president; Dr. Jack Smith, Starkville, Mississippi, president elect; Dr. Ahmed Tibary, Pullman, Washington, vice president; Dr. Robyn Wilborn, Auburn, Alabama, immediate past president; and Dr. Candace Lyman, Stillwater, Oklahoma, secretary/treasurer. Newly elected members of the Board of Directors are Drs. Hilari French, Miramar, Florida; Heath King, Mississippi State, Mississippi, and Wendy Vaala, Alma, Wisconsin.



Dr. Robyn Wilborn, immediate past president is presented a replica Nandi by incoming president Dr. Colin Palmer

Call for Student Research Presentations-2020

Annual Therio Conference Student Research Presentations

Call for Student Research Presentations also available at www.therio.org

Attention to all SFT student members!

The SFT Program Committee is pleased to announce the call for submission of student theriogenology research presentations at the Annual Therio Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The competition will be held during the Annual Conference, July 22-25, 2020.

The purpose of this competition is to promote student interest in SFT, to encourage investigative and communication skills and allow students greater participation in our annual meeting. All SFT student members, defined as those SFT student members in the professional degree curriculum leading to a DVM, VMD or other equivalent degree, are qualified to enter the competition.

The student theriogenology research presentations will give the SFT membership a look at future leaders and participants of the SFT. Four presentations will be selected to be presented orally. You be notified no later than April 15, 2020 whether your presentation has been selected for presentation. Further instructions will follow notification. Each presentation will be 10 minutes in length. Time has been allotted for questions after each presentation. Those not selected for oral presentation may be selected for a poster presentation. A panel of academicians and private practitioners will review manuscripts. Students will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements and accommodations. Conference hotel information will be available on the SFT website.

A copy of the guidelines and submission instructions can be obtained from the SFT website, your SFT faculty liaison, or Dr. Alexander. Please refer to the “**Guidelines for Application Submission**” for preparation of your manuscript.

Abstracts must be submitted by **March 10, 2020**. Please submit them in Microsoft Word format to Tara Beasley at the Society office, therioconference@franzmgt.com, with a copy to your advisor. Include the words “**Student Research Presentation**” in subject line. An acknowledgement of your submission should be received within 24 hours. If you do not receive acknowledgement, please contact the office at 334-395-4666.

Please be aware that this is a competition. The contestants will be judged on both the quality of their investigation and the quality of their presentation. Therefore, you must attend the meeting in Pittsburgh to be eligible for the awards. The SFT will award four cash prizes:

First place	\$ 650	Third place	\$ 450
Second place	\$ 525	Fourth Place	\$ 375

More than one student may be involved with the presentation of a case or research project, however only one prize will be awarded per presentation. All students (presentations) who are accepted to present abstracts may be awarded a travel stipend. *Grant information is available on the Theriogenology Foundation website, www.theriofoundation.org.* Travel grants must be applied for via the website.

Please contact your SFT faculty liaison for more information and for assistance in preparing your manuscript. You may also contact Dr. James H. Alexander at: jalexanderdvm@gmail.com. We hope you will participate in this event.

Sincerely,
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Guidelines for Application Submission

Society for Theriogenology Student Research Presentation Competition Annual Therio Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 22-25, 2020

All applicants ***must*** be student members of The Society for Theriogenology. This includes student members graduating in 2020.

An Abstract of the Student Case Report must be received by **March 10, 2020**. Please include the following with your submission:

1. Name, home address and school address
2. Veterinary school; year of graduation
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Name, title, address, email address and phone number of the faculty member working with you.
6. Abstract of your case (300 words or less in the body of the abstract).
 - a) **Title and authors**
 - b) **The importance of the research to Theriogenology**
 - c) **A description of the experimental design, and materials and methods**
 - d) **Results/discussion**
 - e) **References**
7. Normal style, 12-point Times New Roman font, single spacing, 1" margins
8. Presentations must be submitted in Microsoft Word format to Tara Beasley at the SFT office at therioconference@franzmgt.com. Please copy your submission email to your advisor. You will receive an email acknowledgement of your submission within 24 hours (during business hours). If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please call the office at 334-395-4666.

We will not need any photos, graphs, or diagrams at this time. Prior to the conference you will be required to submit a copy of your Power Point Presentation to the SFT office to the attention of Tara Beasley at the Society office, therioconference@franzmgt.com, no later than June 25, 2020. You will also be required to bring a copy with you to the conference. You will be allowed to update your presentation after June 25, up until 4 hours before your presentation.

Questions can be submitted to:

James H. Alexander, DVM at jalexanderdvm@gmail.com

New ACT Officers Installed for 2019-2020

New ACT Officers were installed Thursday, July 25 at the ACT Business Meeting. Officer installed: Dr. Richard Hopper, Auburn, Alabama, president; Dr. Dirk Vanderwall, Logan, Utah, president elect; Dr. John Dascanio, Harrogate, Tennessee, vice president; Dr. Kara Kolster, Glen Allen, Virginia, secretary; and Dr. Reed Holyoak, Stillwater, Oklahoma, immediate past president.



New ACT president Dr. Richard Hopper thanks immediate past president Dr. Reed Holyoak for his service.

Call for Abstracts - 2020

Each year the ACT sends out a Call for Abstracts to be presented and included in the proceedings for the Therio Conference in the upcoming year. Below is the information relative to this process.

The Society for Theriogenology and American College of Theriogenologists issue a call for research and case abstracts to be presented at the annual Therio Conference July 22 - 25, 2020 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Application deadline is February 1, 2020. Abstracts will be considered in four categories:

1. Competitive Category:

Abstracts submitted for this category must have a graduate student, resident, intern, post-doctoral scholar, veterinary student, or undergraduate student as the first author (only one submission per first author will be accepted in this category). Abstracts on material that has already been published or has been accepted for publication at the time of submission will not be considered. These abstracts will be judged on the basis of scientific merit (written). The eight abstracts with the highest written scores will be selected for presentation during the abstract competition. First authors chosen to present in the abstract competition will receive one complimentary registration for the meeting. The abstracts will be presented during a plenary session and judged for presentation quality (oral and understanding of scientific basis). Financial awards will be given to the four presenters with the highest total score out of 50 points (written (25 points) plus oral (25 points)).

The first author (graduate student, resident, intern, post-doctoral scholar, veterinary student, or undergraduate student) will be required to present the abstract during the abstract competition at the Therio Conference. Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length; an additional two to three minutes will be allowed for questions only. Time limits will be strictly enforced for the abstract competition; exceeding the 10-minute time limit will result in disqualification from the competition.

Other high-scoring (15/25; 60%) abstracts not selected for the abstract competition will be chosen for presentation during a non-competitive session, and one of the authors will be required to present the abstract at the Therio

Conference during a general session or educational session. Presenters of these abstracts will **not** receive complimentary registration for the conference.

If the appropriate author is not available to present the abstract at the Therio Conference, you may petition the Chair of the Scientific Abstract Committee to request permission for an alternative author to present the information. In the case of a competitive abstract for which the submitting graduate student/resident is not available to present the abstract but for which a suitable substitute presenter can be found, the abstract may still be included for presentation during the competitive session but it *will not* be scored and *will not* be eligible for awards.

2. Non-Competitive Category:

All individuals, including practitioners, faculty, graduate students, residents, intern, post-doctoral scholars and veterinary students are encouraged to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation during a general session or an educational session (there may be more than one submission per first author in this category). Abstracts on material that has already been published or has been accepted for publication at the time of submission will not be considered. Presenters in this category will not receive a complimentary registration to the conference. Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length; an additional two to three minutes will be allowed for questions only.

3. Case Abstract Category:

All individuals, including practitioners, faculty, graduate students, residents, interns and post-doctoral scholars are encouraged to submit

noteworthy case reports for consideration for presentation during a general or educational session.

Abstracts on material that has already been published or has been accepted for publication at the time of submission will not be considered. Case reports will not be considered for inclusion in the competitive category. There may be more than one submission per first author in this category. Presenters in this category will **not** receive a complimentary registration to the conference.

4. Poster Category:

All individuals, including practitioners, faculty, graduate students, residents, interns and post-doctoral scholars are encouraged to submit abstracts/ case reports to be presented as posters. Abstracts on material that has already been published or has been accepted for publication at the time of submission will not be considered. There may be more than one submission per first author in this category. Presenters in this category will **not** receive a complimentary registration to the conference.

Posters are normally displayed in the exhibit hall. You are encouraged to be present as often as possible during exhibit hall breaks to answer questions about your poster. However, all poster presenters are expected to be present during the Friday lunch hour when the conference will advertise your presence. Abstracts and case abstracts not selected for oral presentation may be given the option to be presented as posters, based on scored ranking. Posters will be limited to the 20 highest scoring submissions.

General:

Presenters of research abstracts, posters, and case abstracts will not be reimbursed for travel or other expenses incurred in presenting an abstract, nor will they receive an honorarium. *All accepted abstracts will be*

printed in the annual Therio Conference Proceedings, Clinical Theriogenology.

Submission of an abstract for consideration in either the competitive or any noncompetitive sessions is considered a commitment that, should the abstract be accepted in any of the categories, the appropriate author (as described in the “Call for Abstracts”) will attend the Therio Conference to present the abstract in a formal oral or poster session.

In the event that no suitable person is available to present an accepted abstract or poster at the Therio Conference, *the submitting/presenting author* will be barred from submission of scientific abstracts for consideration for presentation at the Therio Conference and will not be allowed to speak at the Therio Conference for a period of five (5) years. All *co-authors* will be barred from submission of Scientific Abstracts for consideration for presentation at the Therio conference and will not be allowed to speak at the Therio Conference for one (1) year.

Penalized authors have the right to petition the Executive Board (EB) of the American College of Theriogenologists for a reduction or waiver of the penalty. A written petition that includes the reason for the absence from the meeting should be submitted to the Chair of the Scientific Abstract Committee no later than one week before the Therio Conference. The Chair and other members of the Abstract Committee will review the petition and present the case to the EB at the August board meeting. Authors will be notified of the decision of the board by email after the conclusion of the Therio Conference.

PLEASE NOTE: Veterinary Student Case Reports and Veterinary Student Research Reports are separate submissions. Details for those submissions can be found on the SFT (therio.org) website.

GUIDELINES: WHAT TO SEND AND HOW TO SEND IT

Electronically: Submit via email (address on top of submission form) or on a CD (compatible with Microsoft Word)

General: Authors should read the Guide for Authors for the journal Clinical Theriogenology. Specific instructions for submission of abstracts can be found on the ACT website (www.theriogenology.org) under “Call for Abstracts”.

Font: Single spaced, 12-point Times New Roman

Length: No longer than one page

Paper: 8.5” x 11”

Margins: 1.5” top and bottom – 1” left and right

Header: The title, authors, and their affiliations must be centered at the top of the page.

Content: Abstracts should state clearly the hypothesis and aims of the project, describe the methods used, and summarize the findings. Keywords (up to five) should be listed at the bottom of the page. Authors are encouraged to consider the criteria for judging provided on the website.

Form: You must complete and submit the submission form for your abstract.

Abstracts not adhering to these guidelines will not be considered for presentation.

***DEADLINE:** Abstracts must be received no later than February 1, 2020 for consideration.*

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION BY FEBRUARY 5, 2020, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT 334.395.4666.

The ACT/SFT Abstract Submission Author Agreement Form must be signed by all authors. A copy of the completed form must be submitted along with the abstract. The form is available on both the ACT and SFT websites. Access the required Call for Abstracts application form on either the ACT website at www.theriogenology.org or the SFT website at www.therio.org under the 2020 Therio Conference heading, listed under Education and Events on both sites.

Those submitting abstracts for consideration will be notified by March 30, 2020 if their abstract(s) were accepted or declined.