

The 7th All Africa Conference on Animal Agriculture

Dates: October 15-19, 2018

Venue: Accra International Conference Centre, Ghana

Theme: Innovations to secure the future of animal agriculture
in Africa in a globalizing world

Call for Papers and Posters

The Organizing Committee is glad to announce call for papers and posters for the 7th All Africa Conference on Animal Agriculture (AACAA) to be held at the Accra International Conference Centre, Ghana, 15th – 19th October, 2018. The conference is being organised by the All Africa Society for Animal Production (AASAP) in association with the Ghana Society of Animal Production (GSAP), the Ghana Animal Science Association (GASA), and the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). The theme for the conference is: **Innovations to secure the future of African animal agriculture in a globalizing world** with the following sub-themes:

1. Opportunities and prospects for transforming ruminant livestock systems in Africa. A special focus on dairying and including the disciplinary areas - genetics/breeding, nutrition/feeding, animal health, and input and output markets.
2. Opportunities and prospects for transforming poultry and pig systems in Africa. The focus will be on poultry, and including the disciplinary areas – genetics/breeding, nutrition/feeding, animal health, and input and output markets.
3. Working animals – the animal welfare and human livelihood dimensions. Special attention will be on the working donkeys and mules in Africa.
4. Delivery of animal inputs and advisory services in Africa – the last mile challenge. This sub-theme will particularly only address the last mile delivery in remote locales.
5. Climate change and animal agriculture – adaptation and mitigation opportunities and prospects in animal agriculture. The main focus will be on implications for different ecologies and the more vulnerable production systems in Africa.
6. Capacity development and partnerships for innovations in animal agriculture
7. Data platforms for decision-making in animal agriculture.

Authors may submit articles based on research, case reports, retrospective studies or participation interests in exhibitions or practical demonstrations within the realms of the conference. Articles should be submitted by E-mail to info@aaca7.org with a copy to the Editor-in-Chief on email: anaazie@ug.edu.gh. Authors are requested to indicate their preference for oral or poster presentation and give their preferred sub-theme. Selected outstanding papers presented at the conference will be considered (upon additional peer-review) for publication in a special issue of the journal *Tropical Animal Health and Production*.

Instructions to authors

General presentation

The manuscript shall be in English, typed double spaced, Times New Roman, font size 12, left and right justified and typeset on A4 and a 2.5 cm margin at all sides. The manuscript will be presented in the conventional format including title, abstract and key words, introduction, material and methods, results, discussion, acknowledgements and references and should follow the format of the *Tropical Animal Health and Production* journal.

Title page

The title page shall include the title of the article, the surname and initials of the forenames and institutional affiliation. The email address of all the authors should be provided and that of the corresponding author be marked by asterisk.

Abstract

The abstract should be 150-250 words and concise. It should contain no paragraphs, footnote, cross-references to figures and tables or undefined abbreviations.

Keywords should be up to five and should avoid words already in the title but based on the key messages of the paper. They should be written in lowercase letters, separated by commas and presented in alphabetical order.

Introduction

Introduction should be brief but contain sufficient information reviewing important areas, justification and objectives of the study.

Materials and Methods

This section should contain sufficient details to enable replication of the procedures. Previously established procedures should only be referenced rather than described in the article.

Results

The results should be appropriately detailed. Tables and figures should be used only when they add value to the narrative.

Discussion, conclusion and implications

Should discuss the results and adequately cover related published information. Conclusions should not restate results but indicate inferences from the results. Implications of the finding(s) should be clearly stated.

Acknowledgement

Authors should ensure that all other individuals or organizations which contributed financial, technical or editorial support are appropriately acknowledged.

References

In the text, references should only contain the surname and the year of publication of the refereed articles. When more than two authors are involved the first author followed by *et al* should be used. In the listing they should be arranged in alphabetical order at the end of the article and be detailed as follows;

Articles

Kuria, S.G., Gachuri, C.K., Wanyoike, M.M. and Wahome, R.G. 2004. Effect of mineral supplementation on milk yield and calf growth of camels in Marsabit district of Kenya. *J. Camel Pract. Res.*, 11(2): 87-96.

Books

Hulsebusch, C.G. and Kaufmann, B.A. 2002. Camel breeds and breeding in Northern Kenya. Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya. pp 150.

Chapter in book

Wango, J., and Farah, Z. 2004. Methods for quality control. In: Milk and meat from the camel. Z. Farah and A. Fisher (Eds). Vdf Hochschulverlag AG publ., Zurich (Switzerland), pp 51-65.

Tables, figures, pictures

All figures and tables should be numbered in Arabic numerals and should be referred to in the text as such e.g. Figure 1 or Table 4. The title of each table should be written above the corresponding table. Photographs should be presented in the electronic form of JPEG.

Posters

Posters should fit into poster board measuring 1682 x 2378mm. The poster should be:

- Simple, informative, visually appealing and attractive
- Easy to read and understand with relevant legend
- Contain text and illustrative material harmoniously combined to produce effective presentation
- Tell the complete story

Length of papers

Invited papers must not exceed 8 pages (about 4,000 words including illustrations and tables); contributed papers must not be longer than 10 pages and poster papers must be 4 pages or less - all double spaced

Important dates

- Decision/ feedback on the abstract: June 22, 2018
- Full papers targeted and invited for submission to journal – Tropical Animal Health and Production: July 31, 2018

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