

Suggestions for SCVS Poster Sessions Authors

Congratulations again on having had your abstract accepted for presentation during the SCVS Annual Symposium. Please carefully read the instructions for posters. In making up your poster, please remember that your scientific message must be legible and clearly stated.

INSTALLATION/REMOVAL

Attach your material to the 4 feet (height) X 8 feet (length) poster corkboard provided. A limited supply of standard pushpins will be provided for this purpose, but it is suggested that you bring a supply of pins/tacks as well. Each poster will be provided with a printed number corresponding to your abstract as it appears in the Program Book. Posters must be set-up no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21st, and must be removed by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd. Important Note: Any poster material remaining on Friday, March 23rd (after 6:00 p.m.) will be discarded, as the poster boards will be removed from the premises.

SUGGESTIONS

- Avoid putting too much material on the poster.
- The heading should have letters at least 1 ½ inches high, giving the title or the paper, authors, institution and location.
- Lettering for text and illustrations should be at least 3/8 inches high.
- Each of the sections should be in sequence to guide the reader through your poster. Colored backgrounds improve the graphic impact of your presentation. Avoid color combinations that are difficult to read.
- The background should contain 3 –5 brief sentences outlining information necessary to understand the study, and why it was done.
- The aims of the study, the question to be asked or the hypothesis to be tested should be clearly stated in as few words as possible.
- Outline your methods briefly. Provide details only for new methods or important modifications of older ones.
- Results should be presented as graphs, charts or photos. Provide a legend to explain symbols or other details. You also may want to provide an interpretation of the results below each panel. The conclusions should be succinctly stated. Many viewers read this first; hence it should be easy to understand.
- Please be careful to avoid remarks or photographs that might be construed as sexist or demeaning.
- The design of an effective poster is a rigorous test of your ability to communicate your research results. A good poster requires considerable effort and attention to detail.

GOOD LUCK!