Allen-Abrahamson Awards
Student Poster Competition - Call for submissions
North American Forest Insect Work Conference
Washington, DC, May 31- June 3, 2016

The Allen-Abrahamson Awards are being offered in recognition of the contributions to forest entomology of Dr. Douglas C. Allen (Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus) SUNY-ESF and Dr. Lawrence P. Abrahamson (Senior Research Associate Emeritus) SUNY-ESF and to acknowledge their vision for a NAFIWC.

Submit your poster presentation for the NAFIWC Student Competition. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to enter the Student Poster Competition. Posters will be separated for competition into two degree categories: 1) PhD, and 2) Master’s and undergraduate degrees.

Posters will be displayed Wednesday through Friday (June 1-3), and posters in the Graduate Student Competition must be in place no later than Wednesday at 8 am. Students are required to be present during judging, which will occur Wednesday afternoon, 5-6:30 pm.

Poster dimensions should be no larger than 3.5 ft wide x 3.5 ft tall (~ 1m x 1m). Presenters should supply their own Pushpins and Velcro. Presentations in the Student Poster Competition may not use audio.

Submission: Submit your poster presentation for the NAFIWC Student Competition no later than March 14, 2016. Submissions should include poster title, list of authors and affiliations, and an Abstract of 200 words or less. Submissions should be emailed to the student poster organizer Holly Wantuch, wholly3@vt.edu.

Judging: Volunteer judges will evaluate each competing poster. Judges are non-student attendees of the conference. All judges will use the same standardized form to evaluate all student poster presentations. Students should keep in mind the diverse backgrounds of the judges when developing their posters. Volunteers wishing to serve as judges should contact the poster session coordinator Robert Jetton, rmjetton@ncsu.edu.

Awards: The Allen-Abrahamson Award is a prestigious addition to a student’s CV. Winners will be announced at close of the Panel Discussion on Thursday, May 12, where winning posters will be displayed. First and second place winners will be honored with a Plaque and Cash prize. Abstracts of the winning presentations will be posted on the NAFIWC web site.

Eligibility: Student competition presentations may have co-authors, but the student should be the principal creator of the poster presentation, and should have made a significant contribution to the work presented. You must be registered and attend the meeting to compete. A student is eligible to compete while officially enrolled as a student and for a period extending 12 months after graduation.

To provide meaningful feedback, completed judging forms will be mailed to student competitors within a few weeks after the meeting.