

Poster Chair - Instructions
Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science

1. **Titles:** The poster chair will receive titles for posters by the date in the fall newsletter, and can add the few that come in after that date if desired and on an individual case basis. The poster chair can communicate with the secretary-treasurer if questions arise.
2. After all the titles have been submitted, it is prudent to inform presenters of the correct format for posters and abstract submission. The format occurs in the Pre-Conference Newsletter located at srashs.org
2. Poster presenters should be notified via email that it is important for them to be present at the poster during the specified time - and that students in the poster competition must be at their posters or they will not be included in the competition.
3. Poster presentations that are intended for the undergraduate and graduate poster competition should be recorded as such and that list provided to the poster competition judges.
4. Titles should be submitted in correct format. Example as below.

Improvement, Propagation and Use of Taxodium in Southeastern China.

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5. After all the titles are in, they should be submitted in a single word document as an attachment to the Secretary-Treasurer of the SR-ASHS.
4. At the conference, the poster chair should put the titles on the poster boards to allow presenters easy locating of their spot in the poster room. The simplest strategy is to print the document in large font size and pin the titles to each designated spot.
5. Poster chair should bring extra-double sided sticky tape for those who have forgotten pins, thumbtacks, or double sided sticky tape. While thumbtacks will work, most new heavy vinyl-quality posters do not flatten out easily and often pull away.
6. Once all the posters are in place, the poster chair should make notes on what papers are not present. Non-presented posters are not eligible to have abstracts published - even if they are sent in by the due date in February.
9. **Arrange Judges:** The poster chair is responsible for setting up a committee of three to judge the undergraduate and graduate poster competition. The judges should interview the students at the posters during the times that poster authors are assigned to be at the posters. If the students are not at the posters, that poster should be removed from the competition. The criteria for judging posters can be found at srashs.org

8. The poster chair should send each person submitting a title a sample abstract in the correct format. This should reduce the poster chair's time at editing. **Abstract length is limited to 1800 characters (including spaces).** If your abstract is longer, you will be instructed to reduce the number of characters before you can continue the submission process. Note that special characters and scientific symbols may cause translation problems—review your submissions carefully.

9. It is the responsibility of the poster chair to accumulate all the abstracts into one Word document and send the file as an attached document to headquarters.