

AAEA News

Call for Selected Presentations

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

One week until the deadline

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the [2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA](#). Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. Selected Papers can be assigned to present in a Lightning Session (8 papers, 9 minutes for each presentation; 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion) or a Selected Paper Session (4 Papers, 20 minutes for each presentation; 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion). At the time of submission, individuals will have the option of having their submission considered as a poster only. There is no “paper only” option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two–page, single–spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.

Abstracts must be received by Thursday, January 14, 2016, and should be submitted using AAEA’s [online Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

To submit a proposal, you must be a 2016 AAEA member or pay a non–refundable \$25 submission fee. You may [become a member, renew membership](#) or pay the \$25 submission fee before submitting your proposal in the [online Abstract Management System](#).

Review Process

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double–blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. Notification of whether a presentation proposal has been accepted

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will be sent via email by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. Please check spam boxes, as the notification email may have gone there. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster authors should be available during their assigned interval for questions and discussion. The printed program will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their Poster to AgEcon Search no later than May 25, 2016. Posters that miss this deadline will need to be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

Selected Papers can be allotted 9 or 20 minutes for presentation at the meeting, which is dependent on what type of session a paper is assigned to. Up to 8 papers are included in a Lightning Session and up to 4 papers are included in a Selected Paper Session. Each type of session lasts 90 minutes. Therefore, each of the 8 paper presentations in a Lightning Session is 9 minutes; 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion, and each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is given 20 minutes for each presentation; 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to AgEcon Search no later than May 25, 2016. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the [*American Journal of Agricultural Economics*](#) style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

Submit your Selected Presentation in the online [Abstract Management System](#).

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soon to ensure you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.



Call for Organized Symposia Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. **Proposals are due by Thursday, January 14, 2016, and should be submitted using AAEA's [online abstract submission system](#).** Material previously presented cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are not encouraged. If such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters.

The submitter of the organized symposium must be a 2016 member of AAEA or pay a \$25 submission fee, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **May 25, 2016**.

Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

Notification of whether a proposal has been accepted will be sent by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. Please contact Anna Douangphachanh at adouangphachanh@aaea.org if you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposium proposal.



ECON PhD with Special Track in Remote Sensing at Virginia Tech

Spatially explicit analysis has become increasingly important in applied economic research, especially in light of climate change. Prominent examples include the economic implications of forest mortality and changes in forest composition over time, agricultural productivity under different climatic stressors and human interventions, and the effect of spatially differentiated environmental changes on housing markets.

Virginia Tech (VT) offers a unique opportunity to combine a **PhD program in Economics** (jointly administered through the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and the Department of Economics) with an **Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Remote Sensing** (RS-IGEP).

PhD Econ/RS-IGEP students take an additional 12 course credits based on four courses related to Remote Sensing, and participate in a weekly seminar, in addition to their standard curriculum leading to the PhD in economics. By completing these requirements, PhD Econ/RS-IGEP students will earn a certificate in Remote Sensing.

More importantly, RS-IGEP students can tap into

VT's premier research group in this area for research and dissertation advising. There are also some funding opportunities for RS-IGEP graduate students, beyond those that might be available from their home department.

In a nutshell, the PhD Econ/RS-IGEP combination is ideal for prospective PhD students in applied economics that have an interest in spatially explicit research, or envision remote sensing to become an important tool in their dissertation work, or – looking further – their targeted career.

More details on this exciting opportunity are given at the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics web site at <http://www.aaec.vt.edu/graduate/academic-information/remote-sending-track.pdf>, as well as the RS-IGEP home page at <http://rsigep.frec.vt.edu/>.

We hope you "*sense*" the potential of this new program at VT to provide you with a unique graduate experience as well as extra tools for the job market, and join us for the fall 2016 semester!

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Job Openings

Be sure to visit the [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information



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- President's Message
- People Section

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