

AFMA SYMPOSIUM 2021 CALL FOR PAPERS – GUIDELINE

Theme: Embracing the new normal

The AFMA Symposium 2021 will take place on the 18th & 19th of October at the CSIR. However, due to COVID-19 regulations a capacity limit is placed on the venue, and the number of delegates that can be accommodated is less than previous symposiums. Therefore, to allow as many attendees as possible, this year's symposium will take place as a hybrid event i.e., delegates will be allowed to attend in person (up to capacity) and thereafter virtual attendance will be permitted.

AFMA members are hereby **invited** by the Technical Committee to participate in the 2021 Symposium programme by submitting your nomination for speaker(s) and topic(s) according to the guidelines and information provided below.

It is important to note that speakers will be pre-recorded and therefore it is not required for speakers to travel to SA to present *in person*. It will, however, be required that speakers be available where possible during the Q & A session on the programme to answer any questions submitted by the delegates.

Day 1 – 18 October 2021

The first day of the symposium will be focussing on digitalisation / automation / technology with regards to the following main sessions:

1. ANIMAL FEED AND PREMIX MANUFACTURING (3)

- Automation technologies
- Newest quality control technologies
- Security of raw material availability

2. DIGITALISATION

A. Digitalisation of animal production (1)

- The use of IoT (Internet of things) and Big Data to optimise performance
- Safety of cloud-based data
- Use of digital tools to integrate feed production and animal performance

B. Marketing and sales (working) in a digital era (1)

- Psychology of selling in a virtual environment
- Hybrid / remote working within a company: advantages, disadvantages, options, and the future of 08:00 – 17:00 office hours



Day 2 – 19 October 2021

The 2nd day will focus on sustainable production across all species and aim to cover the following themes:

1. INNOVATION IN ANIMAL NUTRITION (5)

- Application of low Crude Protein diets
- Better understanding of Crude Fibre and its importance
- Application of novel raw materials
- Epigenetics
- Ingredient digestibility
- Animal microbiome research – the latest findings
- Impact of gut health on animal performance

2. ANTIBIOTICS IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION (2)

- Continued use of antibiotics through responsible application?
- Strategies for maintaining animal performance without antibiotics and AGP's (management, feed and additive related)
- Antibiotic resistance in animals

This session will be concluded with a panel discussion facilitated by an industry expert and represented by the various stakeholders.

Nominations will be considered favourably by the Technical Programme Committee if:

- the speaker(s) are internationally recognised as scientific experts (irrespective of work company)
- the speaker(s) have done research & published results in peer reviewed journal(s);
- the speaker(s) are “able” & fluent in English;
- the speaker(s) can demonstrate giving an objective presentation without alluding / showing bias towards any commercial product;
- the speaker(s) agree to share their pdf presentation with the organising committee for publication on the AFMA Symposium website after the event;
- the submission was complete and submitted on time.

SUBMISSION of NOMINATION

All nominations (and/or intent to nominate) must reach the AFMA Office by Friday, 21 May at events@afma.co.za.

Please include the following with your submission:

1. Name & surname of speaker
2. Designation & company of speaker
3. Speaker contact details including email, telephone number, physical work address (+ country)
4. Resumé (including other relevant presentations and publications)
5. Clearly indicate the day (1 / 2) as well as the category for which you are nominating your speaker
6. Topic of presentation
7. Short motivation of what will be addressed in the presentation
8. Contact details for sponsor representative* (email & telephone number)

* Sponsor representative is the local representative of the sponsoring company responsible to ensure that all communication & documentation from AFMA reaches the speaker and all submission deadlines are adhered to.

Please note: The committee expects to select the first draft of the programme by Monday, 14 June.

We thank you and look forward to hearing from you **by Friday, 21 May 2021.**

Yours sincerely,
AFMA Technical Committee – Symposium programme