The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) will hold its 89th Annual Conference January 31-February 2, 2021 at the Portola Hotel and Monterey Convention Center. You are invited to submit a paper or poster for presentation at the conference.

In consideration of COVID-19 contingencies, all submitted papers should be available for electronic presentations. Presentations should be related to mosquitoes or other vectors, the disease organisms they transmit, or their surveillance and control. Presentations may be about research results, the development and testing of new methods, equipment or products, education, community outreach and the adaptation or development of new technology relating to vector research, surveillance or control, or the administration of a vector control agency.

If you are interested in presenting a paper or poster, please complete the attached "Request to Present a Paper" form. An extended abstract is REQUIRED for all presentations. Abstracts may be made available to participants before or at the conference and will appear in the Proceedings and Papers of MVCAC. Presenters may choose to replace their abstract with a paper for publication in the Proceedings. Please see the Guidelines for Contributors for more information.

With limited time for presentations, final scheduled oral presentations will be at the discretion of the Program Committee. All Posters will be accepted.

Presenters will be notified by November 2, 2020 if they are accepted as a speaker and be given the time allotted for their presentation. Presenters who are not selected for an oral presentation will be invited to present a poster.

Posters will be mounted on large poster holders, as has been done in years past. Please bring your poster un-mounted; presenters will attach their posters to the poster board with straight pins, thumbtacks or clips (provided by MVCAC). Posters will be located near the exhibit hall and registration areas. Please plan to stand by your poster during the designated "Poster Session Luncheon" when attendees walk around and ask authors questions. The designated Poster Luncheon will be announced as we are closer to the event. Posters must be set up by Sunday evening, January 31 so they also can be seen during the opening evening reception. Posters should be taken down between 1:00 and 4:00 PM on Tuesday February 2, 2021.

All presenters must register for the conference and are responsible for registration and arranging their own travel. Presenters will be given registration priority should attendance at the conference be limited due to COVID-19 physical distancing requirements.

Deadline for submission of the completed "Request to Present a Paper" form is Monday October 5, 2020. Requests received after the deadline may not be accepted.

Thank you,

Truc Dever, Chair
MVCAC Program Committee
Poster Presentation Guidelines

The MVCAC encourages and supports the presentations of posters at our Annual Conference. Posters are unique in their ability to explain various research projects, present complex graphical data, describe investigative ecological studies, and discuss development of new pesticide dispersal equipment. The following tips and guidelines will help you design and present an effective poster.

With our hybrid conference offering, we can have posters displayed in person and virtually. As we move closer to the conference, we will communicate with all submitters if they are able to attend live, or only virtually. If only virtually, a high quality PDF will need to be provided.

Poster Presenter Tips
1. Your poster must be easily read from 2 – 3 feet away.
2. Use “simple” fonts large enough to be viewed 2 – 3 feet away from the poster.
3. Recommended sans serif fonts are Tahoma, Calibri or Arial. Not recommended are serif fonts like Times New Roman, Book Antiqua or other artistic fonts. Maximum poster size is 3 feet high by 4 feet wide.
4. Use contrasting colors that are easy to read.
5. Have another staff member proofread the document and provide feedback on the layout.
6. Use a consistent format for text and headings throughout the poster.
7. Make your graphics large enough to read clearly at 2 – 3 feet away from the poster.
8. Include your title, author name(s) and affiliation(s) and contact information, either email or telephone, for all the authors if more than one.
9. Consider having your business cards attached to the bottom of the poster.
10. Consider having more graphic illustrations and fewer words.
11. It is highly recommended to have reduced copies (8.5”x11” or 8.5”x14”) available near your poster.

Appropriate items to hang the posters will be provided and will include thumbtacks, straight pins or clips.
5. Authors are responsible for coordinating their Sunday afternoon arrival with the Conference Coordinator – Rachel Hickerson to schedule displaying the poster in the designated area.
6. Posters will be displayed from Sunday afternoon through the end of the meetings on Tuesday. Authors are responsible for removing their posters by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday or as directed by the Conference Coordinator – Rachel Hickerson.

Conference Coordinator Requirements
1. The MVCAC or the hosting Regions will help the Authors on Sunday of the Annual Conference position their posters in the Exhibitor Hall or designated location as directed by the Conference Coordinator – Rachel Hickerson.
2. The Program Coordinator – MVCAC President-elect will provide time during one of the receptions or a special break time for Poster Viewing.

Reference
If you are interested in presenting a poster at the Annual Conference and are looking for advice, please contact one of the following MVCAC members who have provided outstanding posters at past conferences.

1. Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., Lake County VCD jjscott@lcvcd.org
2. Joel Buettner, M.S., Placer MVCD joelb@placermosquito.org

Poster Presenter Guidelines
1. The Author will be responsible for transporting the poster and for travel to and from the conference.
2. The posters require a title, author name(s) and affiliation(s) and contact information for at least one author.
3. Recommended poster size is landscape view 3 feet high and 4 feet wide. All Posters will be accepted.
4. Posters will be hung on a fabric covered poster stand. Do not mount your posters on any foam core.
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Request to Present a Paper or Poster

Request to present a paper or poster is also available online at www.mvcac.org.

Title of Presentation

This presentation will be a: □ Paper  □ Poster  NOTE: For Papers, an Extended Abstract MUST be included.

First Author full name and district

Additional Author Full name and district

Additional Author Full name and district

Additional Author Full name and district

Additional Author Full name and district

Person Presenting the Paper and Email address

This paper is primarily about: (check one only)

□ Community Outreach and Engagement
□ Public Policy/Governance
□ Operations and Technology
□ Challenges and Opportunities in Vector Borne Diseases
□ Innovation and Discovery in Mosquito Control
□ Pesticide Resistance and Management
□ Mosquito Biology and Disease
□ Other ____________________________________________

If applicable, please provide the specific symposium name:

Audio/Visual requirements: LCD projector and PC with pre-loaded presentation will be provided standard. If you require other AV needs (Wi-Fi, sound, etc) please note here (you will be notified if this request is approved):

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Requirements.

Please see the guidelines page for all requirements regarding a paper and presentation submission. Each Paper presented will be evaluated by the Planning Committee and moderator of the symposia and is not guaranteed to be asked to be presented.

Virtual and in person options.

Due to social distancing requirements, and continued challenges post COVID-19, this conference will be available both live and with some symposia available as live streams to those unable to travel. By submitting your talk, you are granting permission to be video recorded during your talk should your symposia be selected as one of the live streaming options. Please click this box to acknowledge  □

Deadline for Submission.

The deadline for submission of “Request to Present a Paper or Poster” is October 5, 2020. Requests made following this date may not be honored and may not appear in the conference program. Please submit this request to:
Rachel Hickerson, MVCAC Meeting Manager, rhickerson@amgroup.us Request to present a paper or poster is also available online at www.mvcac.org