VMCA’s
Student Competition Committee (SCC)
Update

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2019

VMCA Student Poster Competition

• During this 2019 VMCA Annual Meeting, SCC will be holding our 3rd Annual Poster Competition

• We received 6 submissions from 3 Virginia Universities
  – Old Dominion University
  – Longwood University
  – Virginia Commonwealth University

• All posters are displayed in the registration foyer
2017 Student Poster Competition
2018 Student Poster Competition
Student Poster Competition

Guidelines for Virginia Student Poster Competition

– Open to students enrolled in Virginia Colleges and Universities
– Poster topic- original research in the field of Vector-Borne Sciences
– Poster due in November (electronic version)
– Judges graded the posters in December
– Poster winners were chosen in January
Several events taking place tomorrow

• **Poster Session - Q&A**
  – During the 10-10:30 morning break
  – Meet the poster authors and ask them questions

• **Presentation** from our poster winner
  – 10:50 am Amanda DeVleeschower (First Place Winner)
    Tracking Potential Hosts of *Amblyomma maculatum*
    Through Wildlife Cameras
Student Poster Competition

Additional events taking place tomorrow

– Awards Ceremony
  • Lunch Banquet
  • Amanda DeVleeschower will receive the Dr. Jorge Arias Student Competition Award and $500

– Silent Auction Final Bidding
  • 5:00-6:00 pm in the Vendor Room.
    – There will be a cash bar and free appetizers in the Vendor Room
  • Make your final bids at 6pm to win
50-50 Raffle

• Purchase raffle tickets throughout the meeting
  – From Francis Valera and Karen Akaratovic
  – $1 for 1 ticket
  – $5 for 6 tickets

• Winner’s drawing takes place

  **Wednesday after last presentation ≈ 4:55 PM**

  – ½ $$$ goes to Student Competition Committee
  – ½ $$$ goes to 1 lucky winner

  • Winning ticket must be present to win
VMCA Student Competition
Money Raised and Being Spent

• Money Raised

  – During the 2018 VMCA meeting
    • We raised a total of $1,387.65
    • $924.65 from the silent auction
    • $463.00 from the 50:50 Raffle (Thank You George Wojcik)

  – Ann Herring conducted 50:50 raffles during 2 TMVCC meetings
    • Collected a total of $117.00

  – SCC funds as of 1/1/2019 was $1,822.05

• Annual Costs

  – 2019 VMCA meeting
    • SCC paid $500 to 1st place poster award
    • SCC paid $300 for 2019 meeting registrations for top 5 students
New Questions on Your Surveys

• 8. What student competition activities did you participate in during the meeting? (check all that apply):
   
   50:50 raffle_______   Silent auction ______
   Participated in poster session Q&A________

• 9. What are your opinions of these events and should we continue having them in future meetings?

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Huge Thank You!!!

• **Committee Members**
  – Ann Herring
  – Wes Robertson
  – Karen Akaratovic
  – Francis Valera
  – Charles Abadam
  – Dennis Salmen
  – Ashley Byers
  – John Orr

• **Poster Judges**
  – Wes Robertson
  – Nate Nagle
  – Ryan Levering

• VMCA
• City of Hampton
• Amber Jackson
• Michael Bowry
• City of Suffolk
• All of you that Donated items to the Silent Auction
• Silent Auction Bidders
• 50:50 Raffle ticket buyers