



CALL FOR POSTERS

Student Poster Competition at

**Growing the Margins & Canadian Farm and Food Biogas Conferences
February 28, 2011 – London Convention Centre, London, Ontario**

The 5th Annual Growing the Margins: Rural Green Energy and the 3rd Annual Canadian Farm and Food Biogas conferences and joint exhibition, February 28 & March 1, 2011 will once again extend their successful track record by further exploring new technological, operating, policy, regulatory, financial and other challenges and opportunities facing farms and related food and rural industries as they strive to improve their energy efficiency, better utilize byproducts - - and ultimately improve their bottom lines.

Calling all Graduate Students – Exciting New Opportunity for 2011!

Are you a graduate student at an Ontario University with a research interest in ‘rural green energy’ and/or ‘biogas’? If so, we are pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for the **Student Poster Competition**, an important new element of the 2011 Growing the Margins: Rural Green Energy and Canadian Farm and Food Biogas conferences.

The student poster competition is designed to showcase new research being developed by enthusiastic graduate students (Masters or PhD programs) currently enrolled in programs at universities in Ontario.

The Student Poster Competition is open to graduate students at any point in their course of studies. As there will be a broad range of professionals in relevant fields in attendance at the GTM and Biogas conferences, this competition offers students an excellent opportunity to network and to discuss research concepts and results to date.

Cash Prizes!

First, second and third place winners will be selected on-site, February 28th, at the time of the GTM and Biogas conferences. Prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$100 will be awarded and all short-listed contestants will be provided with a Certificate of Recognition.

How to Apply on Line

Before you begin it may be helpful to have your abstract (up to 250 words) and brief biography in MS Word format that you can cut and past into the appropriate sections of the online form. All abstracts must be submitted online – all information fields requested must be completed. Please visit www.gtmconference.ca or www.biogasconference.ca.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: JANUARY 15TH, 2011

Guidelines

Your research and your abstract must be relevant to the objectives and themes of the **Growing the Margins: Rural Green Energy** and **Canadian Farm and Food Biogas** conferences; specifically, technologies, services, and programs, including policies that provide solutions to the farm, food processing and rural sectors and communicate benefits to the public.

Interested students are advised to review the GTM and Biogas websites (www.gtmconference.ca and www.biogasconference.ca) and in particular the Call for Abstracts used for those making technical presentations at the conferences, to learn more about the topics covered at these two forums.

Abstract Submission and Review

Your abstract is to be a maximum of 250 words and will include the following:

- Title
- The focus and topic of the research.
- Goal of the project or research question under consideration.
- The study/research methodology employed.
- Results and key impacts related to the theme of the conference *or* anticipated results and key impacts.
- Researcher's name, advisor's name, additional collaborators as appropriate, academic institution, and program in which you are enrolled.

Abstracts are to be submitted on-line at www.gtmconference.ca or www.biogasconference.ca and clicking on Poster Competition. Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2011.

Abstracts received will be reviewed by the Poster Competition Committee, and ten (10) candidates will be selected. Those short-listed will be advised by February 1, 2011 that they may present their poster at the February 28th competition during the GTM/Biogas conferences.

On-site posters should be brief, well-organized, use clear language suited to a mixed audience, and be easily read from a distance of 4-6 feet. Poster panels of 8'x 4' will be provided for each contestant upon which to affix their poster presentation (generally 6' x 3'). All printing costs are the responsibility of the students. Please check with advisor regarding appropriate use of logos and acknowledgement of funding sources.

Selected contestants will be admitted free to the GTM and Biogas conferences, February 28 and also to the banquet that evening, when prizes will be awarded. Further details regarding presentation of your poster and the on-site program will be provided at a later date.