

## **Call for Posters for Research Network Projects for Presentation at a CAES-ERCA Policy National Conference in Ottawa in January 11-13, 2012**

A conference on “Growing Forward in a Volatile Environment” is being organized jointly by the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the five ‘Enabling Research for a Competitive Agriculture’ policy research networks:

- Canadian Agriculture Trade Policy and Competitiveness Research Network (CATPRN)
- Canadian Agricultural Innovation and Regulation Network (CAIRN)
- Consumer and Market Demand Policy Research Network (CMD)
- Linking Environment and Agriculture Research Network (LEARN)
- Structure and Performance of Agriculture and Agri-products Industries network (SPAA)

This conference provides the premier national policy forum for the agri-products sector. A blend of presentations from invited speakers, invited policy research network members and research network posters will highlight the issues and potential policy solutions facing the agricultural sector in Canada today. The research being undertaken throughout the country will be featured as well as an exchange of ideas between invited speakers, panelists, network researchers, and conference attendees.

To ensure that the actual research projects ongoing within the networks are featured at this conference, student researchers and their supervisors are invited to prepare posters for presentation at the conference. Prizes will be awarded for the best posters. Posters should be prepared for a lay as opposed to an academic audience. Abstracts for the poster session, by network, should be submitted to the network leads (see below) by October 21, 2011. The abstracts and contact details will be distributed to conference attendees in the bound program at the conference.

The format for the posters to be presented should no more than 4 feet high x 3 feet wide. This vertical orientation will ensure that the display space available at the conference venue will hold the maximum number of posters. Poster viewing will take place in a special poster session that will be held with a cocktail and appetizer session prior to dinner as well as informally during conference breaks. Researchers attending the conference are expected to be with the posters during the pre-dinner poster session.

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