# Welfare and Performance of the Ridden Horse : The Future

## How to Submit a Research Poster

The Organising Committee of the 2021 SRT International Conference invites authors to submit scientific posters to be displayed online at the conference. Posters relating to recent research into any aspect of horse and rider welfare and performance will be considered in three categories;

- Undergraduate dissertation posters – typically small pilot studies which may form the basis of future full scientific studies
- Practitioner applied/industry-linked posters – may include linked case studies to highlight field-based observations which may form the basis of future full scientific studies
- Scientific research project posters – experimental projects (to include postgraduate studies) – full scientific studies

Posters must be submitted by 5pm GMT on Friday 19th November 2021. You will be contacted with confirmation as to whether your poster has been accepted by Friday 26th November 2021.

Those authors whose posters are accepted will have their posters displayed using a Miro Board platform of the online conference from Wednesday 8th December 2021 to allow previewing. On Friday 10th December 2021 corresponding authors will take part in an interactive Q & A session via Zoom rooms.  All posters displayed at the conference will also be published on the SRT website and a list of these posters, with a supporting image and lay person message, will be included in the conference proceedings.

Corresponding authors of accepted posters will be given a complementary conference ticket. If tickets have already been purchased, a refund will be provided.

All posters will be considered for the award of Best Poster Presentation for each category (subject to sufficient numbers) and awards will be presented on Saturday 11th December 2021 during the main conference.

## Content and Format

All posters must be;
- Written in English.
- Landscape orientation A0 (841 x 1189mm).
- Submitted as a PDF file.

Undergraduate and scientific research posters should include the following sections/content, in addition to appropriate images:
- Background: The background behind the decision to choose the subject to study.
- Aims and Hypothesis: A statement regarding the aim of the study.
- Methods: Brief description of materials and methods, and methods of testing hypotheses.
- Results & Discussion: Brief highlights of the results obtained and their relevance.

- Limitations: Key limitations of the study
- Conclusions: Conclusions drawn from results.

Practitioner applied/industry-linked posters should include the following sections/content, in addition to appropriate images:

- Relevance: Why is this issue or field observation important?
- Methods: What methods have been used to collect the data?
- Findings & Discussion: This can include a series of similar case studies which show a common theme
- Limitations: Accuracy of data collection, other limitations or errors
- Proposed further study: what questions does this raise and what future studies may be proposed?

References can be included but they should be limited to those that are essential. Use bracketed numbers [1], [1-3] etc. to cite references in the order they appear throughout the body of the poster. The reference list should be included in Harvard Format as described at: http://www.citethisforme.com/harvard-referencing

Single case reports are not acceptable.

We are unable to accept posters that describe data as pending.

## Ethical Guidelines

All submissions must include transparent and complete declarations of:

1.     The ethical code adhered to;
2.     Competing/conflicts of interest;
3.     Sources of funding; and
4.     That the work is wholly attributed to the authors listed.

This information should be included within a declarations section on the form in Appendix A, which must be submitted with your poster. Do not include this information in the poster itself.

## Submission Process

Submit all posters, with supporting documentation, to admin@saddleresearchtrust.com by 5pm GMT on Friday 19th November 2021 with the words (as appropriate for category) "(Undergraduate/Practitioner/Scientific) Research Poster" in the subject line. Posters should be submitted as a PDF file.

Your email should also contain (as file attachments or link) a completed copy of the forms provided in Appendix A and Appendix B, together with a representative image (an image that represents your work) to be displayed with the lay person message in the conference proceedings.

To facilitate blinded peer review, please submit two copies of your poster:

1. Copy for peer review: Remove authors' names and addresses and delete all identifying details and where appropriate replace these with the words "details masked for peer review" in the main body of the poster.

2. Unblinded copy for production: This must include the authors' names and addresses after the poster title. Underline the name of the corresponding author who will be present at the conference and who will respond to questions from delegates (both during the live poster sessions, and via email).

## Peer Review

Submitted posters will be reviewed by the SRT Peer Review Committee. After an initial editorial screening phase, posters will be blind-reviewed by two individuals with expertise in the relevant topic. Both scientific quality and relevance will be considered. Poor use of English will be grounds for poster rejection. Unfortunately, there will be no opportunity for revision.

## Prior Presentations and Publications

It is permissible to submit work that is similar or identical to abstracts that have been presented or posters that have been displayed at any other conferences after January 1st, 2020, provided this is declared (including conference details) at the time of submission and does not infringe any copyright restrictions. Material presented prior to this date will not be considered. Posters describing work that has already been submitted for publication, but not yet published, in any peer reviewed journal at the time of poster submission are eligible.

## Questions?

Queries relating to posters: email admin@saddleresearchtrust.com with the words "Research Poster" in the subject line.

## Further Information

Further information will be provided if the poster is accepted into the conference. Successful authors will be required to provide a biography of 100 to 150 words, to be included underneath your poster. This can include hyperlinks to webpages, videos and online content. You should also include a link to your Zoom room, which we will ask you to man during our live poster session for questions.

Live poster sessions will be held on Friday 10th December 2021 – timings and your Zoom room will be confirmed after posters have been reviewed. The poster competition will run on Friday 10th December, with the response to questions included in the judging, and the award for the best poster for each category will be announced during the conference on Saturday 11th December 2021.

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## Apendix A: Poster Submission Form

Please include the following information with your poster and a representative image. These details will be included in the conference proceedings:

TITLE:

Author Details [*replace text below*]:

[1]*AuthorA X.Y.*, [2]*AuthorB X.Y.* and [3]*AuthorC X.Y.* [with attending author underlined]

[1]*AuthorA affiliation and address*
[2]*AuthorB affiliation and address*
[3]*AuthorB affiliation and address*

Email: *a.b.author@xxx.xx.xx* [email address for corresponding author, this will be included with the poster when published on the SRT website]

Lay person's message: [*The Lay Persons Message should not exceed 100 words, report the main purpose and findings of the study in non-scientific language, and link to the poster title and the conference theme. This will be included in the conference proceedings*]

Submission Category: [*Delete as appropriate*]: Researcher/Academic - Practitioner - Student
*Proof of student status e.g. photograph of student card must be provided to be eligible for free entry to the conference.*

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Please complete the following declarations;

Ethical code: [*Statement on ethics approval for the study.*]

Sources of funding: [*Provide details of funding body or state None.*]

Competing interests: [*Provide details or state None declared.*]

Originality: [*Statement that the work is wholly attributed to the authors listed.*]

Prior publication: [*Details of any other conferences where the work has previously been presented or a poster displayed or state Not applicable.*]