

AAAS Conference Proceedings Instructions

General Information

One-page paper submissions are invited related to any study, demonstration, simulation, technique/product development or research experiment related to the themes of the AAAS Conference. Paper submissions are welcomed from all AAAS members, affiliates and any professional working in Animal Science:

- Research scientists and students (undergraduate, MPhil, PhD)
- Social scientists
- Economists
- Primary producers
- Extension officers
- Industry consultants and advisors
- Commercial representatives
- Communicators

Preparing your paper

Preparation of a one-page paper can be challenging. Papers must be well-written and concise. Be realistic about how much information can be presented in a one-page paper.

- A hypothesis and/or objective, as well as a conclusion, are essential and should be explicitly stated in the text.
 - e.g. “It was hypothesised that..” or “We hypothesised...” or “Our objective was...”
 - e.g. “It was concluded that..” or “In conclusion, ..”
- A reader should be able to read only the Title, Hypothesis/objective and Conclusion and understand the key message/result/meaning of your paper.
- The content of the paper should provide the methods and results related only to the hypothesis or objective.
- When presenting the results
 - A short, written segment with either one supporting table or figure (not both; optional).
 - Cite the figure or table in-text.
 - Use [Australian SI units](#) for all measures.
 - Percentage may be used to describe relative changes in performance, e.g. the treatment increased liveweight gain by 15% compared with the control ($P < 0.01$).
 - Either use the arbitrary cut-offs of $P < 0.05$, $P < 0.01$, $P < 0.001$ or use the actual P values for statistical description of data.
 - Figures may be presented in colour, but they must be interpretable if printed in black and white (e.g. legends must not rely on colour to distinguish data points). Consider selecting colours that are distinguishable for people that are colour blind (e.g. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/viridis/vignettes/intro-to-viridis.html>)
- The concluding statements must be written so they answer/respond to the hypothesis/objective and should include the implications of your work. A final statement of industry relevance/application of the research is also encouraged.
- Acknowledgements. It is essential that the funding body for the research is acknowledged. e.g. “*We gratefully acknowledge Meat & Livestock Australia for funding this work.*” Students who are scholarship recipients should also acknowledge those here.
- References. List references alphabetically, formatted as per the template examples.
 - Titles of papers are not required.
 - Include the full journal name in italics and the volume number in bold. The issue number is not required. A DOI is required.
 - Where the reference contains more than two authors, the first authors name should be followed by *et al.* e.g. Martin KM *et al.* (2011) *Animal* **5**: 1060-1070.
 - In-text references
 - o Single author given as Farrell (1997) or (Farrell 1997).
 - o Two authors given as Archer and Berg (2000) or (Archer and Berg 2000).
 - o More than two authors given as Rowe *et al.* (1979) or (Rowe *et al.* 1979).
 - Online materials & software (e.g. R packages) can include italicised title, a version (if applicable) and a URL or DOI.

Peer review

All one-page paper submissions will be subjected to a peer-review process and will be published in the AAAS conference proceedings.

By submitting a one-page paper you may be asked to review up to two other submissions, following provided criteria.

Presenting author

All one-page paper submissions will require a presenting author to attend the conference and present their paper as either an oral or poster presentation. Submitters will be asked to select their preference for presentation type, or their willingness to present either.

The Conference Organising Committee will make the final decision regarding presentation type.

One-page paper formatting requirements

One-page papers must be saved as docx format before uploading to the online submission portal. Ensure any referencing software field codes are removed prior to submission. Any submissions that fail to follow the AAAS Conference Proceedings Instructions will not be accepted.

Submissions with *minor formatting errors* will be provided feedback following the review process but may still face rejection if not fixed upon resubmission.

Paper size	One single page, A4 (21.0 cm x 29.7 cm) with 2 cm margins.
Header	None
Footer	None
Page number	None
Spacing	Single line spacing for all text and tables. Do not leave an extra space between paragraphs, but do leave a single space (minimum 10 pt) between: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the title and author/s- between author affiliations and the main body of text- a paragraph and a figure/table- the main body of text and the references- the references and acknowledgement
Paper title	Bold, centred 11 pt Times New Roman.
Authors	Lower-case letters with only the first letter of the first word and proper nouns capitalised. Centred 10 pt Times New Roman. Authors to be listed as initials followed by their surname. Separate authors with a comma, using “and” before the last author.
Affiliations	Use superscript capital letters for author affiliations. Centred 9 pt Times New Roman. Use superscript capital letters for author affiliations. An email address for the presenting authors must be included below the affiliations.
Headings	Use the following headings: Introduction Materials and methods Results Discussion References
Text body	All headings are Bold 10pt Times New Roman on the first line of each section. 10pt Times News Roman. Justified.
Tables	Table headings located above the table. Table 1 in bold, with the rest of the heading in normal text. 9 pt Times New Roman. Justified. Table text 9 pt Times New Roman.
Figures	Do not used any shading or colours in Tables. Black and white text only. Figure headings located below the Figure. Figure 1 in bold, with the rest of the heading in normal text. 9 pt Times New Roman. Justified. Use Times New Roman 9 pt for any text in Figures.
References	References Times New Roman 9 pt.
Acknowledgements	Time New Roman 10 pt italics. Justified.
Abbreviations	Define abbreviations at first use and only include if they are used three or more times. Redefine abbreviations in Figure or Table heading if abbreviations are used in these. Standard abbreviations such as SD (standard deviation) do not require defining.
Units	Use kg/ha not kg ha-1. Also use kg/steer.day, but not kg/steer/day or not kg steer-1 steer-1. Use the specific term such as lamb, ewe, wether, cow or steer rather than head or beast. Abbreviation for litre is ‘L’; millilitre is ‘mL’.
Numerals	Use numerals in the running text, except at the start of a sentence; but in titles and headings spell out numbers from 1 to 9.