**2016 Call for Research Reports, Updates, and Posters**

**Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference**

**September 30 – October 4, 2016**

**New Orleans, LA**

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, Research Posters, and Outreach Writing **(new!)** for the 2016 Annual Conference to be held in New Orleans on Sept. 30 – October 4, 2016. Work related to any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail to the consumer is welcome at FDRS. We offer several categories to garner feedback and exposure for your work and interests.

For more information on the conference, check under “Conferences” at the FDRS website <http://www.fdrsinc.org>. Address and Questions & Correspondence regarding research submissions to Research VP Stan Ernst using [fdrsVPresearch@gmail.com](mailto:fdrsVPresearch@gmail.com)

**Research Reports** are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts. Reports will be evaluated and accepted on the basis of one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. Conference resentations of research reports are limited to 20 minutes each.

**Research Updates** are synopses of research or educational work either (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one-page description of the update. Presentations of updates will be limited to 15 minutes each.

**Posters** should highlight research projects, teaching programs, or agricultural and food marketing/distribution issues. The maximum poster dimensions are four feet high by six feet wide, and posters should be attachable backboards provided. Poster authors are expected to be present to answer questions about their posters during viewing times.

**Outreach Writing** is a new category for the conference. We seek to recognize the kinds of technical communication of food industry issues that was key to the Extension/Industry Outreach work done by the Society’s founders and is core to many members’ work today. Some call these articles “industry outlook” or it may be something contributed to publications such as *Choices* …materials that communicate food supply chain and marketing issues to an intelligent, highly-involved but non-academic audience. Academic journal-style articles are not eligible. Submissions will consist of the actual article and the submission form. Articles may have been published or presented online for non-academic audiences within the past 18 months. At the conference, the author will have 15 minutes to present a summary of the article’s key points and how it was used in outreach/Extension efforts.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST USE THE ATTACHED SUBMISSION FORM.**

Email report and update submissions to our VP of Research: Stan Ernst, at

fdrsVPresearch@gmail.com, by June. 15, 2016. Reviews for acceptance are done on a rolling basis upon arrival with authors notified of acceptance by August 1.

Research reports, updates and posters are eligible for publication in the proceedings issue of the Journal of Food Distribution Research. Submission of a food distribution research update, report or poster does not preclude submission of a full manuscript on the topic for consideration in a refereed volume of the Journal of Food Distribution Research.

**2016 Research Submission**

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Complete all sections as indicated and email as MS Word document or pdf file attachment to [fdrsVPresearch@gmail.com](mailto:fdrsVPresearch@gmail.com)

Submission Deadline is June 15, 2016

**This submission is for a (check one)**

🞏 Research Update

🞏 Research Report

🞏 Research Poster

🞏 Outreach Writing

**Title of submission:**

**Authors of submission: (list all names and school/affiliations in order they should be published)**

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**Corresponding Author Name:**

**Corresponding Author email address:**

**Author planning to make presentation:**

**Abstract:**  (300 word maximum. Must include significance of research to industry/academia) ***NOTE: Entries in the Outreach Writing category must also include a pdf copy of the actual article.***