The Biological and Agricultural Engineering Division seeks presentations for the 2013 ASEE Annual Conference and invites submission of abstracts. We encourage abstracts and papers on any topic related to biological and agricultural engineering education, including educational theory and practice in biological, agricultural, food, natural resource, and/or biosystems engineering. Potential topics of interest include problem-based learning, laboratory exercises, cooperative learning, technology transfer, industrial collaborations, experiences for undergraduates, cooperative education and internships, engineering design, capstone projects, curricular design and development, textbooks and teaching methods, assessment methods, new educational topics, novel delivery methods, online and distance education, and other topics as appropriate.

The division will be sponsoring four sessions at the 2013 conference:

i. Global Service Learning Experiences for Biological and Agricultural Engineers.

ii. Opportunities and Experiences of Women Engineers in Biological and Agricultural Engineering

iii. Curricular Advances and Innovations in Biological, Agricultural, and Environmental Engineering.

iv. Roundtable on BAE education, student recruiting, and retention. (This will be a forum for presenting works-in-progress that really have not yet grown into a full study or paper.)

Abstracts should be approximately 500 words in length and should provide a clear statement of the objective, its relevance to the biological and agricultural engineering community, assessment methods, results, and next steps. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to prepare a full paper for peer review and publication in the conference proceedings. Papers must demonstrate an appropriate level of scholarship.

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